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Grateful Citizen Potawatomi Nation Honors Korean War

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization carved out some time on the evening of Friday, November 5 to recognize and honor the sacrifices of those among their number who served in the Korean War. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and ground to a close three years, one month, and two days later, with the signing of an armistice on July 27, 1953.

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David Wagie, a former St. Gregory's University president, delivered the keynote address. Gen. Wagie pointed out that, "in Korea, there were 70 CPN veterans who served, and more than 20 of them earned purple hearts."

Many of those CPN veterans went to war twice, he said, serving in either World War II and Korea or Korea and the Vietnam War. "There was one, Robert Whistler, who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam," Wagie added. "He entered in 1944, went through all three wars, and retired after 28 years in 1972."

Gen. Wagie noted that many people look at Korea as a forgotten war, the first in which, it is perceived, America fought to



CPN legislator David Barrett, a veteran and member of the CPN Veterans Organization color guard, presents plaques at the Korean War Veterans Banquet as some of the Korean War vets look on.

just a draw. "It was anything but," he said. "It was a major turning point in the 20th Century."

According to Wagie, the U.S. committed its troops to battle in Korea "under-strength, under-trained, ill-equipped, and ill-supplied." Thus, by September 10, 1950, the Republic of Korea forces had driven U.S.

and South Korean forces to Puson, at the very far southeast corner of the Korean peninsula. "They had conquered the entire south peninsula, and it looked like South Korea would fall."

But, using Gen. Douglas MacArthur's brilliant battle plans and the determination of U.S. and South Korean fighting men, the North Korean forces were pushed back to the northern border. "That's what these gentlemen (we are honoring tonight) did. They saw a country that was overrun. They saw the U.S. come back and fight all the way to the (Korean) border with China," Wagie said.

The veterans honored are: Bill Madole, US Army, January 1951 to January 1954; Roy Slavin, US Army, January 1950 to March 1953; Donald Madole, US Air Force, March 1950 to October 1953; Gerald T. Pearl, U. S. Army, January 12, 1954 to January 12, 1956; Albion Ogee, US Army, See KOREAN VETS HONORED on page 19



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Dean McGirt



High School in 1965, where he loved to play sports to impress all the girls. He joined the U.S. Air Force with twin brother Dale and their lifelong friend Lindsey Bondoni in 1966 and served until 1970.

He attended Spartan School of Aeronautics from 1970 to 1972, where he obtained an Aircraft and Power Plant license. He worked alongside his brothers George and Dale for many years in construction work. In 1985, he went to work for Tinker Air Force Base where he worked as an aircraft mechanic and retired as a supervisor in January 2007.

On May 24, 1955, he became friends with Bill "W" and remained friends until his death. He was saved and was baptized in a farm pond in Wolf at Cold Springs Indian Baptist Church No. 2 when he was 14 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Cecil Ray McGirt Harjo.

He is survived by his wife, Wynona, of the home; two sons, Michael McGirt and Chris McGirt; a stepson, James B. Moon; four brothers, George McGirt and his wife Maxine of Oklahoma City, Bob McGirt and his wife Donna of Checotah, Dale McGirt of McLoud, and Jimmy Hughes of Los Angeles; two sisters, Linda Kay McGirt of

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Dean McGirt, 63 of Shawnee, died on Monday, October 4, 2010 at his home. He was born on January 5, 1947, the son of Cecil and Lucille (Wolfe) McGirt, along with twin brother Dale, in Seminole. He was raised by his Uncle Raymond, Aunt Lorene, and Floyd (Buster) Harjo.

Dean McGirt graduated from Maud

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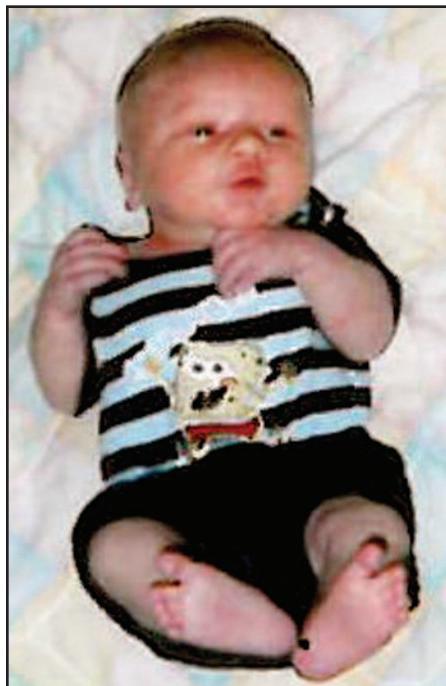
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Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Sharon Faye Chino of Lecompton, Kansas; grandchildren, Baylee, Caylon, Phoenix, Miles Bishop, Jacob, and Vanessa; nephews, Doug McGirt, Travis McGirt, Solon McGirt, Quentin McGirt, Robbie D. McGirt, Cory Chino, Danny Hughes, and Little Jimmy Hughes of Los Angeles; nieces, Patty Ruth McGirt, Dana Dale McGirt, Laurie Chino, Rosie of California, Tammi L. (Bob's daughter), and Tammi (Cecil Ray's daughter); an aunt, Nettie Poynor of Bentonville, Arkansas; and an uncle, Sampsey K. 'Sonny' Harjo of Moore.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel with Chaplain Les Hastings officiating. Burial was at Dale, Oklahoma Cemetery. Walker Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

Chad Teel Lemons Jr.



will be greatly missed and always remembered as a blessing on earth.

Chad is survived by his parents, Chad Lemons Sr. and Frances Lemons; grandparents, Lucy Bibb, Freda Lemons, Jeff Blocker, and Alida Blocker; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was an angel on earth, and now he has wings.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on October 7, 2010 in the chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home in Shawnee. Burial followed at White Dove Cemetery in Sparks, Oklahoma.

Jean Andre DeLona



Jean Andre DeLona, 88, of Huntington Beach, CA, walked on to the happy hunting grounds on September 7, 2010. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Jean is survived by his wife of 66 years, Avis; daughters Susan, Joni, Michelle, and Deborah; grandchildren Rocky, Shoshana, Whitney, Max, and Ava; and great-grandson Cole.

Jean was born in Sacred Heart, Oklahoma, on March 19, 1922, the son of Thomas and Osie DeLona. Growing up in Hominy, Oklahoma, he was the eldest of four children. His sisters Florine, and Elizabeth and brother Jess all preceded him in death.

Jean proudly served in the U.S. Army

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Chad Teel Lemons Jr. passed away at his home in Shawnee on October 4, 2010. He only lived a short life on this earth, being born on August 1, 2010. However, the time he spent here with his family was a time well-cherished.

He was a very happy baby, always smiling and playing with everyone around. He

and was a decorated WWII Veteran. In 1963, he settled in Huntington Beach, California, where he raised his family and worked as a general contractor. He built homes on the Navajo reservations and was a member of the California Indian Business Association.

Jean will be forever in our hearts and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Timothy Donahue



Timothy J. Donahue, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, was born on November 12, 1965, the son of John Donahue and Donna Smith. He walked on on October 13, 2010.

Timothy attended the Norwich Public Schools, St. Patrick's Parochial School, and Norwich Free Academy, all in Norwich, Connecticut. At the time of his passing, he was attending Three Rivers, working on his Associates Degree in Social Services.

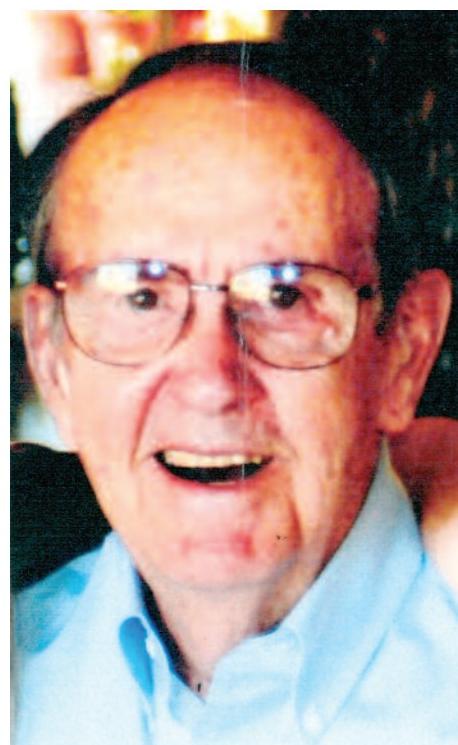
He was also a member of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where, as a young child, he was an altar boy. Timothy continued his relationship with St. Patrick's Cathedral through his adult life with Monsignor Tony.

Timothy leaves behind: his father, John Donahue of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his mother, Donna Smith of Watonga, Oklahoma; a brother, Patrick Donahue; and two sisters, Erin Fox and Catherine Donahue of Norwich, Connecticut. Uncle 'Timmy' will also be missed by his numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and a grandnephew.

He was predeceased by a brother, Michael Donahue; a sister, Megan Donahue; and a niece, Nicolle Predmore Fellows.

Memorial Contributions may be made to any charity of your choice that supports the homeless and needy in our community.

Kenneth G. Kemp



Kenneth G. Kemp died peacefully at home on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Ken was born on May 24, 1925 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the son of John T. and Ruth G. Kemp. He graduated from Norman High School, where he played basketball and baseball. After high school, he joined the military and served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

He attended Texas A&M University and graduated from Oklahoma City University with a degree in petroleum geology. In 1950, he married the love of his life, Nina Dickinson. They enjoyed nearly 60 years of a wonderful partnership. He was a great dad to his four children, Susan, Brad, Sarah, and Taylor and a loving granddad to his 13 grandchildren.

Ken served as a Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 168 and was a longtime member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. He was an avid OU football and basketball fan. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and was proud of his Indian heritage.

After college he began a distinguished career in the oil and gas industry. Ken was a well log analyst for Schlumberger for many years, living in Shawnee, Duncan, Ardmore, and Oklahoma City. He was a member of AAPG, SIPES, SPWLA, and the Oklahoma City Geological Society. After retiring from Schlumberger in 1986,

he worked as a geologist for Holden Energy and then as an independent log consultant.

During his career he became an industry expert on reading old electrical logs to find bypassed pay zones in oil and gas wells. He taught in the Geology Department at the University of Oklahoma and spoke at numerous industry seminars on Well Log Analysis.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nina; his parents John and Ruth; his brothers John T. Kemp Jr. and Robert C. Kemp; and his nephew Mack Kemp.

He is survived by his children and their spouses Susan Sampson, Brad and Susie Kemp, Taylor and Joni Kemp, all of Oklahoma City, and Sarah and Jim Askew of Kansas City; his grandchildren Carter and Stuart Sampson, Michelle, Ford, and Tricia Kemp, Baird, Bennett, and Claire Askew, Amy and Michael Wopsle; and Adam, Caroline, Katie, and John Kemp. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 3555 NW 38 St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112; American Heart Association, 5700 N. Portland Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112, or Boy Scout Troop 168, in care of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 2717 W. Hefner Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120.

Hazel Crowley

Hazel Josephine Crowley, 90, of Osage Beach, Missouri, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2010, at Lakeside Meadows, in Osage Beach. She was born on October 31, 1919, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the daughter of George Edward and Josephine Margaret (Vieux) Bodine.

She was united in marriage on September 1, 1941 to Donald Crowley, and together they had shared the past 68 years until her passing.

Hazel was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, where she loved to sing in the choir. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, swimming, sailing, playing tennis, playing poker, and was an avid artist and a clown. Hazel enjoyed being active and walked three miles a day, until she was 85.

Hazel is survived by her husband, Donald, of Osage Beach; two sons, Dennis Crowley and his wife Marie of Osage Beach and Timothy Crowley and his wife Robin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three

daughters, Linda Puppe of Osage Beach Jane Taggart and her husband Tim of Hershey, Pennsylvania, and M. Susan Berns and her husband Edward of St. Louis, Missouri; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, and a son-in-law, Gerald Puppe.

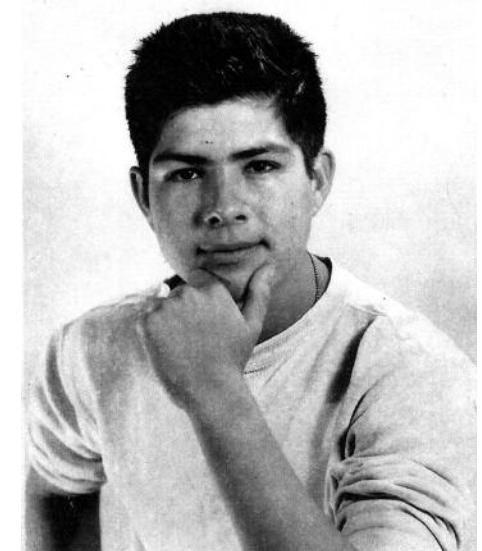
Catholic Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Ozark. The family received friends for visitation from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. prior to services at the church.

Inurnment was at a later date at Lake Memorial Garden in Osage Beach.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, 1121 Business Loop 70 East, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

The family would like to thank the staff of Lakeside Meadows for all they did for Hazel and the wonderful care they provided for their mother, and the great comfort they have been to us. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.hedgescottfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were handled by Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, Osage Beach, Missouri.

Lloyd Cuellar Sr.



Lloyd Cuellar Sr., 78, of Shawnee passed away on Friday morning, July 30, 2010 at a local hospital. He was born on September 3, 1931.

He was a 1949 graduate of Shawnee High School, after which he earned an Associate's Degree from Okmulgee, Oklahoma Tech. He was a veteran of the United

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States Navy, serving on the LSMR 405.

Mr. Cuellar enjoyed any activity that involved a ball, as well as hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rose Mary; a son, Charles William Cuellar; his parents, Felix and Rachel Cuellar; and a brother, Calvin Coolidge Cuellar.

He is survived by sons Lloyd Cuellar Jr. and his wife Becky, James Joseph Cuellar, and Robert Paul Cuellar; daughters Howie Renee Blocker and Marjorie Wren; a sister Patty Sue Beeton; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

Services were held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation was on Sunday, August 1, 2010 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. and on Monday, August 2, 2010 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. Services were handled by Resthaven Funeral Home.

Irvan J. Mulanax



ROSSVILLE, Kansas - Irvan J. Mulanax/*Wa-Te-Sa*, age 76, of Rossville, Kansas passed away on Monday, November 15, 2010 at his home in Rossville with his daughter and grandson at his side. He was born on June 27, 1934, in Mayetta, Kansas, the son of Lewis Mulanax and Eu-nice Levier Mulanax.

Irvan Mulanax attended Blandin Grade School, Delia High School, and Chilocco, Oklahoma High School, graduating in

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1952. He worked for the State of Kansas as a printer for more than 30 years, retiring on June 14, 1996.

He was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was an avid Kansas City Royals and Chiefs and Kansas Jayhawks fan and any event that his children and grandchildren were in.

He married Regina Hanrahan in May of 1955; they later divorced. He then married Janet Sue Thompson on March 16, 1966. She preceded him in death on December 13, 1995. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Duane Mulanax, in 1955 and an infant grandson, Richard Lee Mulanax, in 1981; two sisters, Vivena Walkingstick and Alta Ray; and two brothers, William (Mary Sadler) and Kenneth Mulanax (Elizabeth).

He is survived by five sons, Don Mulanax and his wife Connie of Emmett, Kansas, Rick Mulanax and his wife Annette of Wamego, Kansas, Mark Mulanax of Topeka, Gary Mulanax and his wife Shelly of Hoyt, Kansas, and Chris Mulanax and his partner David of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Debra Heideman-Bussart and her husband Erv of Shreveport, Louisiana and Janie Quiett and her husband Kenny of Delia, Kansas; a brother, James Mulanax of Topeka; Vena Thompson of Rossville; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Lady of Snows Catholic Church on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation, west of Mayetta. He lay in state on Friday, November 19, 2010 from noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Davidson Funeral Home with rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by visitation. Interment was at the Adrian Cemetery in Delia.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association or to Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church and left in care of the Davidson Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent at www.DavidsonFuneral.com.

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CPN member promotes Earth Day ideals

UNITE-d in Uganda



At left, at Uganda's first Earth Day, students from the Green Circle Primary School planted a tree with Chief Guest, Professor Edward Rugamayo, former Ugandan ambassador to France. At right, Michelle Slavin (far right) works with secondary teachers at Bigodi Secondary School to evaluate environmental education effectiveness.

Some people will do everything they can to keep a job; 1998 Clark College alumna Michelle Slavin is doing everything she can to end hers. However, that's not because she doesn't like the work.

Slavin, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is a conservation education trainer for the North Carolina Zoo's Uganda-North Carolina International Teaching for the Environment (UNITE) program. Based in the Kibale National Park region, she helps 118 area teachers at 10 schools how to integrate conservation education into their national curriculum.

Teachers typically possess a two-year teaching certificate, and most earn the U.S. equivalent of about \$95 a month. The classroom ratio varies from 50 to 190 students per teacher. Most children possess a notebook and pen, but books are rare. The majority of education is delivered by lecture. With large class sizes, hands-on exercises are a luxury. "The people I work with are amazing and inspiring," Slavin declared.

Her teacher trainings address student-centered learning techniques and region-specific conservation topics. She conducts school visits and weekend workshops to help teachers integrate action- and exploration-based education into their curriculum. Earth Day, known around the world through the efforts of 1964 Clark alumnus Denis Hayes, was one of the activities introduced to the teachers.

"I knew Earth Day was a perfect way to reinforce regional environmental awareness," said Slavin. She wondered if Denis Hayes was as surprised by the original international Earth Day - held more than 40 years ago - as she was by the astonishing

reaction to Uganda's first-ever Earth Day this year. "Over 1,500 people - many of them uneducated and impoverished - took time out of their day to volunteer and learn about the environment."

Slavin credits the teachers for pulling off the initial Ugandan Earth Day, which was hosted by UNITE in partnership with the Kibale Association for Rural and Environmental Development (KAFRED). "It was a raging success, and I couldn't be more proud of these underpaid, over-worked heroes."

Slavin was originally headed for a career in psychology. She took countless courses from Dr. Larry Easter (now retired and serving on the Clark College Foundation Board of Directors). "Clark gave me the freedom to explore the world around me," said Slavin. "I was able to take courses on every subject imaginable, which is something I am incredibly grateful for today."

She discovered a love for biology and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science from the University of Washington, with a minor in Quantitative Science. Following Peace Corps service in the Philippines as an environmental educator, Slavin earned a master's degree in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development from the University for Peace in Costa Rica, followed by a master's degree in International Affairs from American University in Washington, D.C.

Her first job after graduate school was for the Smithsonian's National Science Resources Center managing science education reform projects in Alaska and the Gulf Coast. She came across the North Carolina

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Potawatomi Language Department



Sam Navarre, Coby Lehman, and Randy Schlachtun are recent additions to the Language Department staff.

We are nearing the end of a successful 10-week beginner class. The class will end before the holidays, and we will start a new 10-week beginner class after the holidays. We have had a pretty good attendance, averaging about 25 people per class meeting.

We learned a couple of songs during this class, including "Will the Circle be Unbroken" and "Let it Snow". We are planning to do some Christmas caroling at the Father Joe Murphy elders complex over the holidays.

Recently, we hired a new assistant, Sam Navarre, and two new Language Department aides, Coby Lehman and Randy

Schlachtun. They will be great additions to the Language Department. We will be performing two Christmas songs during the Child Development Center's Christmas program on December 22, 2010.

We have a Monday noon (central time) class available as well as a number of resources online at www.potawatomi.org. There are lots of fun games and PowerPoint-based lessons. Most have audio with them. We also have some songs, stories, and a dictionary. Keep an eye on the Website because we plan to post some additional material in the very near future.
Igwien, Justin Neely

forever." I remember seeing pictures of old ladies beating corn down in mortars. It gave me new respect for their way of life.

With the corn turned to paste, I added my salt and sugar. Then, I came to realize I had no bacon grease or bacon in the fridge. So, I was off to the store. Thirty minutes later I had the griddle going and had all the grease I could use. I mixed the grease in, then added a little bit of flour. This was hard because the recipe said, "Add until thick."

Finally, I got everything mixed together and greased my pan. I turned the oven first to 350 degrees. Later, I turned it up to 400. It took almost two hours before I pulled it out.

First I set the timer for 30 minutes and only the top of the Pegna was hard. Then, I set it for 15 minutes. Every time I pulled it out, the Pegna was soft in the center.

Finally, after what seemed to be two hours, I pulled it out, and it seemed to have hardened some but was still soft. Later, I realized it never gets completely hard. We warmed it up in the microwave at the meal and it seemed to be a hit.

Citizen Potawatomi vet Clyde Yates

Vet's war role secret for 40 years

By LISA SNELL, publisher, Oklahoma Native Times

In 1967, Uncle Sam said, "I want you" to Clyde 'Rowdy' Yates. The young Citizen Potawatomi had received his Army draft letter in the mail. He could be going to Vietnam, but first, a recruiter sent him to Oklahoma City where he "got involved" with the Army Security Agency.

"There was Uncle Sam on the wall. 'A.S.A. Not in Vietnam,' it said," Yates said, recalling a recruitment poster he saw hanging on a wall.

Yates said there "were a lot of people getting killed" in Vietnam, so he thought joining the A.S.A. was a good idea.

"The first place I went to was Vietnam," he said. Officially, the A.S.A. was not in Vietnam.

"When we got there, they changed our name to 'radio research.' It was a code name," Yates said. "The A.S.A. was 'not in Vietnam'. So if we were killed, we were in a training mission in the Philippines."

He said he worked in a small group, isolated from everyone else when they were sent out and told to keep to themselves and not say anything about who they were or what they did.

"I could not even tell my parents what I did over there. They went to their grave not knowing what I did over there," Yates said. "I held a top secret cryptographic clearance, a code that the enemy could not decipher. I was the keeper of the code. That was my responsibility - to maintain and update all the codes and all the equipment."

Yates said he held an honored position. Not only was he a keeper of the code used by U.S. forces, his group supported the first field force in Vietnam by gathering intelligence, breaking the enemy code, and supplying information to ground troops.

He said the Vietnamese would transmit coded messages in Vietnamese, Chinese, and Russian. Linguists would translate the messages into English. Then, Yates and his team would decipher them.

"Since I been back, in the last couple of years, I had two Green Beret soldiers from Vietnam who recognized the insignia I carry on my hat. 'Thank you. Thank you,' they said. I said, 'What for?' 'Because you furnished good and accurate information on



At left, 'Rowdy' Yates poses with citations and photos honoring his Vietnam service and his assistance to veterans. At right, Yates as he was as a young soldier in Vietnam.



the enemy,' they said. 'Due to that information, you saved a bunch of my guys' lives.' That there made it all worth it," Yates said. "But it was 40 years coming."

He said serving in Vietnam was hard. But coming home was hard, too. When he returned, he went to see his college girlfriend who had broken up with him before he left for Vietnam. "She wouldn't talk to me. She turned her back on me and walked away."

Yates said people didn't want to associate with Vietnam veterans because they were afraid of the returning soldiers. "I think a lot of it boiled down to they were scared of going over there themselves. The less they knew about what was going on over there, the happier they are," he said. "When we came back from Vietnam, we were spit on. We were called baby killers, women killers, and we were the scum of the earth."

A lot of people didn't understand that the Vietnamese sent children in to bomb soldiers. "They sent kids, starving kids, in there with a grenade or a satchel charge on them to blow us up, to demoralize us. I can't say, 'Yes, we killed or we didn't kill.' But we killed the enemy. We had to survive," he said.

Yates spent a year in Vietnam, but didn't re-enlist even though he said he had a good job there and was offered "lots of money."

"I had a deathly fear of coming back in a body bag," he said.

Yates dealt with his Vietnam experiences his own way. He spent a lot of time in bars, drinking. But he never talked about his Vietnam duties, at least not until several years ago. That's when he started having

flashbacks. He chose to deal with them on his own. That was how he had handled it for years until he went to the Veterans Administration to get disability for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"That started bringing things out that I had put on the back burner for 30, 40 years. They want you to bring it out and talk about it," he said. "If I see a Vietnam movie, talk about Vietnam too much, I get a flashback."

Yates said the flashbacks take him back to Vietnam in his mind, like he's still there. "It takes time to cope with it," he said.

He added that a lot of Vietnam vets have done the same as he, try to deal with it on their own. "They refuse to bring it up. It was so horrifying to them. If they bring it up they may go over that edge," he said. "More than 3 million served in Vietnam. Only 30 percent are still alive. That is a lot of deaths due to suicide and Agent Orange. That is a lot of deaths. There is a high statistic on suicides."

Agent Orange was a strong defoliant used in Vietnam that was named for the orange striped barrels it was shipped in. Over the years, many Vietnam vets have blamed the chemical for cancers and other illnesses. "We drank it in Vietnam. It was in water. It was in the milk. It was in the air. We had many, many veterans die without knowing why they died," he said. "It is important that they (veterans) get their disability before they walk on. If not for themselves, for their family."

Today, Yates helps other veterans get the help they need to cope. He's the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Veterans Service officer, and he said helping other veterans helps him.

"My goal is to help tribal members with filing their claims. I can't do it for them, but I can guide them down that path," he said.

So he could better help his fellow veterans, Yates completed a certification program through the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and the regional VA office in Muskogee called "TRIP Training." It's an 18-module course that takes participants through the steps necessary to help someone qualify for and receive VA benefits.

Of the 39 federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, Yates said, he's one of just three people certified through this training. "That's not very good statistics. This is one reason why I am reaching out to other tribes," he said.

The modules are all online and the course is free. Participants can take the test three times, if necessary, to pass. "I did it in my office down here in Tecumseh," Yates said. "If we can get more tribal veterans representatives in the different tribes around the state, then that will help their tribe."

Yates talked about another training he participated in Montana. "They are going out, especially on the reservations up north, and getting these veterans out on the back 40, bringing them in and getting them help. They are dying out there. They don't trust the government."

He said being a Native American veteran makes communicating with and helping vets get the help they need easier. "We're a tribal member and they are tribal members and we can talk the same language and we can get them help. I can represent that veteran from my tribe, help him get disability."

He said he can't do the work for them, but he's trained to guide them through the process and lend support so they can help themselves. "I can't guarantee that I can help everyone because I am just one person." But he will help anyone he can, as best he can.

For information on how to become a veterans representative for your tribe, Yates recommends starting with your tribal veterans office. To enter into the TRIP training, you must be officially designated a veterans representative for your tribe and have a memo of understanding from your tribe on file. To contact Yates, call 405-275-3121. You may also call Kellen Palmer, American Indian Program coordinator at Muskogee's Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center at (918) 577-3977 or e-mail him at Kellen.Palmer@va.gov for guidance.

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Denis Hayes, original coordinator for the first national Earth Day, launched an organization to take it international in 1990.

Zoo position, submitted her resume, interviewed over the phone, got hired, and headed directly to Uganda. "I didn't even meet my employer before I left," mused Slavin.

She credits her psychology classes with Professor Easter as some of the best preparation for her career. "I have a passion for helping people in their quest for a healthy environment - which is so closely linked to health, social, and economic issues," reflected Slavin. "I'm getting people to change their behavior. I know that what I do today all started during my days at Clark College."

Denis Hayes, original coordinator for the first national Earth Day, launched an organization to take it international in 1990.

About Earth Day

Held annually on April 22, Earth Day is intended to create awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Denis Hayes, 1964 Clark College alumnus, was the original coordinator for the national teach-in begun by Wisconsin U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970. Hayes took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations. Today, it is coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network set up by Hayes, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. The international network reaches over 20,000 organizations in 190 countries. More than one billion people - including 1,500 in Uganda in 2010 - participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world.

FireLake Gifts
Inside The
CPN
Cultural Heritage Center

Methamphetamine use and Suicide are two of the greatest problems facing today's Native Teens. Now, YOU can help the Citizen Potawatomi Nation get the message out. Submit original artwork to our billboard design contest, and you could win a new iPod touch.

Four winners will be chosen, 1 in each age group, (12-15; 16-19) and for each subject (meth use, suicide.) Entries can be photography, hand drawn/painted, or original computer graphic work. Entries may be no larger than 4" x 12". If you have any questions regarding this competition, please call Jeff at (405) 598-0797, or email jeff.foresee@potawatomi.org. All entries must be received by January 28, 2011 at the following address:

Tribal Youth Program
Attn: Jeff Foresee
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Rd
Shawnee, OK 74801

For more information, visit www.potawatomi.org and click on "news"

For more information on suicide visit www.suicide.org

For methamphetamine: teens.drugabuse.gov



Help us bring these serious problems out of the darkness.

2011 Firelodge Art Competition Registration Form (please include with submission)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I, _____, the parent of _____ allow the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to use the image created for this art competition in various advertisements including but not limited to billboards, posters, and flyers promoting the prevention of suicide or the use of methamphetamines.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

FireLodge Tribal Youth Program

Two Plagues our Kids Face: Suicide and Methamphetamines

I don't know who said, "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem" or "You do anything long enough to escape the habit of living until the escape becomes the habit." But, they certainly were right. Teen suicide, along with the use of methamphetamines, it seems, are plaguing our young Americans. What's even more startling is that both of these phenomena are occurring more frequently among adolescent Native Americans.

Native Americans have the highest rates of both methamphetamine use and suicide among all racial groups. According to a study conducted by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2008, the rate of methamphetamine use by young Native Americans is substantially higher than among youth of other ethnicities: 1.7% among American Indians/Alaskan Native; 0.7% for whites; 0.5% for Hispanics; 0.2% for Asians; and 0.1% for African-Americans. Moreover, a study performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2007 found suicide rates among American Indian/Alaskan Native adolescents and young adults, ages 15 to 34, are 1.8 times higher than the national average for the same age group of other ethnicities.

If these statistics are a surprise to you, you are not alone. Despite the prevalence of these two problems, they are not often discussed. In response to this, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Youth Program has joined with the Indian Health Service's Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative. We are currently working to mount a public service campaign to bring the issues to the forefront.



FireLodge Youth Council members include, back row, left to right, Gabriella Rice, Taryn Haney, Marissa Sutter, Allison Creek, Katelyn Prewett, and Kyle Murdock and front row, left to right, Gabby Yott, Tristan Milburn, Jimmy Jordan, Sarah Parks, Ashley Murdock, and Jeremy Johnson.

To kick off the endeavor, we have started an art contest for students ages 12-19. The winners of the contest will have their artwork incorporated into billboards that will be displayed in the Pottawatomie County area. In addition to having their original works appear on the billboards, the four winners (12-15 suicide emphasis, 16-19 suicide emphasis, and those two age groups with methamphetamine emphasis) will win an iPod Touch.

Any Native American student is urged to enter the contest. We will accept artwork from photographs, drawings, or computer graphics. All entries are due by January 28, 2011. After that date, a judging panel will decide which entries best reflect the theme and the culture we represent. The winners will be recognized at a banquet and unveiling in February. We hope to have the billboards mounted shortly thereafter.

Spreading the word this way is just the first of many steps the Tribal Youth Program plans to take in the difficult job of

combating meth use and suicide. Through the *HowNiKan*, we look forward to bringing you good news of the progress we're making keeping our Native teens away from these destructive habits.

For more information about the contest, feel free to call Jeff Foresee at 405-598-0797 or e-mail him at Jeff.Foresee@Potawatomi.org.

Your FireLodge Youth Council: Planning a Successful Year

The FireLodge Youth Council was established in August 2009. The council spent that first year engaging in social and team-building activities. Currently, it has 29 active council members from over six local communities. In September 2010, the FireLodge Youth Council elected 5 members to the Leadership Committee. These youth represent five different school districts and four different tribes, including two Citizen Potawatomi Nation members. On November 3, 2010, members of the CPN Legislature approved a resolution al-

lowing the FireLodge Youth Council to become affiliated with the United Nations Indian Tribal Youth Network (UNITY), a well-known national tribal youth coalition.

After affiliating with UNITY, one of the first goals of the FireLodge Youth Council is to participate in the annual youth leadership conference. In order to participate in this event, the FireLodge Youth Council must raise funds to participate in this annual event and out-of-state trip. In order to do so, the Leadership Committee has determined which fundraisers they wish to pursue with the assistance of the other FireLodge Youth Council members.

The Leadership Committee is planning a general fundraiser before the Christmas season. It will require youth to sell magazine subscriptions and cookie dough to people who live within their community. Other projects being planned include a chili-bean lunch for the public and employees of CPN. In addition, a community-wide garage sale will occur in March 2011, during the students' spring break. Finally, the youth are very excited to host a basketball tournament for youth in the late spring or early summer for everyone in their community.

If you do not reside in Oklahoma and cannot participate in these activities, we would still appreciate and be very grateful for your support for our tribal youth. Any correspondence, inquiries, or financial donations can be sent to the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program located at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801 to support the young leaders of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and other associated tribal programs.

Senior Support Network expands into Kansas

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has announced an additional service for its tribal members in Kansas. CPN member Thelma Campbell, coordinator of the Nation's Senior Support Network, says Kansas native Joan Winters has joined the SSN. Winters, a Topeka resident, earned a baccalaureate degree in nursing at Emporia State College. She comes to the CPN/SSN from a position in an assisted living center for elders.

Winters says she enjoys the rewards of successfully advocating for elders. As this new Kansas portion of the Senior Support Network gets underway, it will serve Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who live in a 50-mile radius around Rossville.

Winters says he will perform health-related checks for CPN elders in that service area. She will also perform some household tasks which are past the elders' capabilities.

And, she will gather information for a resource directory for Kansas' CPN elders.

Until Winters has a permanent telephone number and e-mail address, elders who want to reach her can call Campbell at 405-273-5236 or e-mail her at TCampbell@Potawatomi.org.

The Senior Health Network's Joan Winters (left) and Theresa Campbell are learning what CPN elders' problems are and helping solve them.



Library Musings

The Mark of Cain, continued

Before we (you because you're reading this and me because I'm writing it) go too far, I need to point out the origins of the Bode'wadmi in the Detroit River region before their movement into Wisconsin, Illinois, Southern Michigan, and Indiana-Ohio areas even before they existed as states or even the Northwest Territory.

Of course, later the Bode'wadmi were forcibly removed from these areas to the Platte River Purchase area, then to the Council Bluffs Agency in Iowa, then to the Sugar Creek, Kansas region, then to north of Topeka, Kansas.

It was from this last place that many Bode'wadmi went back to Michigan and Wisconsin, and one group (upset, no doubt with American policies toward Indians in general, and Potawatomi in particular) decided their future lay with the Kickapoo in Mexico. Of course, Ronald Slidel Mackenzie interpreted General W. T. Sherman's comments to the point that he (Mackenzie) illegally invaded Mexico, killed some old men, women, and children, imprisoned the survivors, and killed all the horses. This took place in early 1870s.

The map accompanying this month's column locates the Potawatomi people occupying their lands circa the early 1600s. It was reproduced from the Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region, 1701-1936, Volume I. That book contains all of the French families in the origins of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This two-volume set is available for research on your French ancestors in our tribal library. Some times, you can find the French man who married the Potawatomi woman from where the food (or menomin) grows on the water. That of course would be the Menominee!

Some decades ago, I came out to Oklahoma looking for the language and Bode'wadmi traditions without being very sensitive to the prejudices and bigotry the Citizen Band members were exposed to on a daily basis. I was more accustomed to the acceptance of people like Angie Seymour from the Prairie Band before she walked on. Shawnokwe was her Potawatomi name, and when she heard what I was trying to do, she invited David White from Walpole Island to visit her and meet James Kegg from



the Prairie Band.

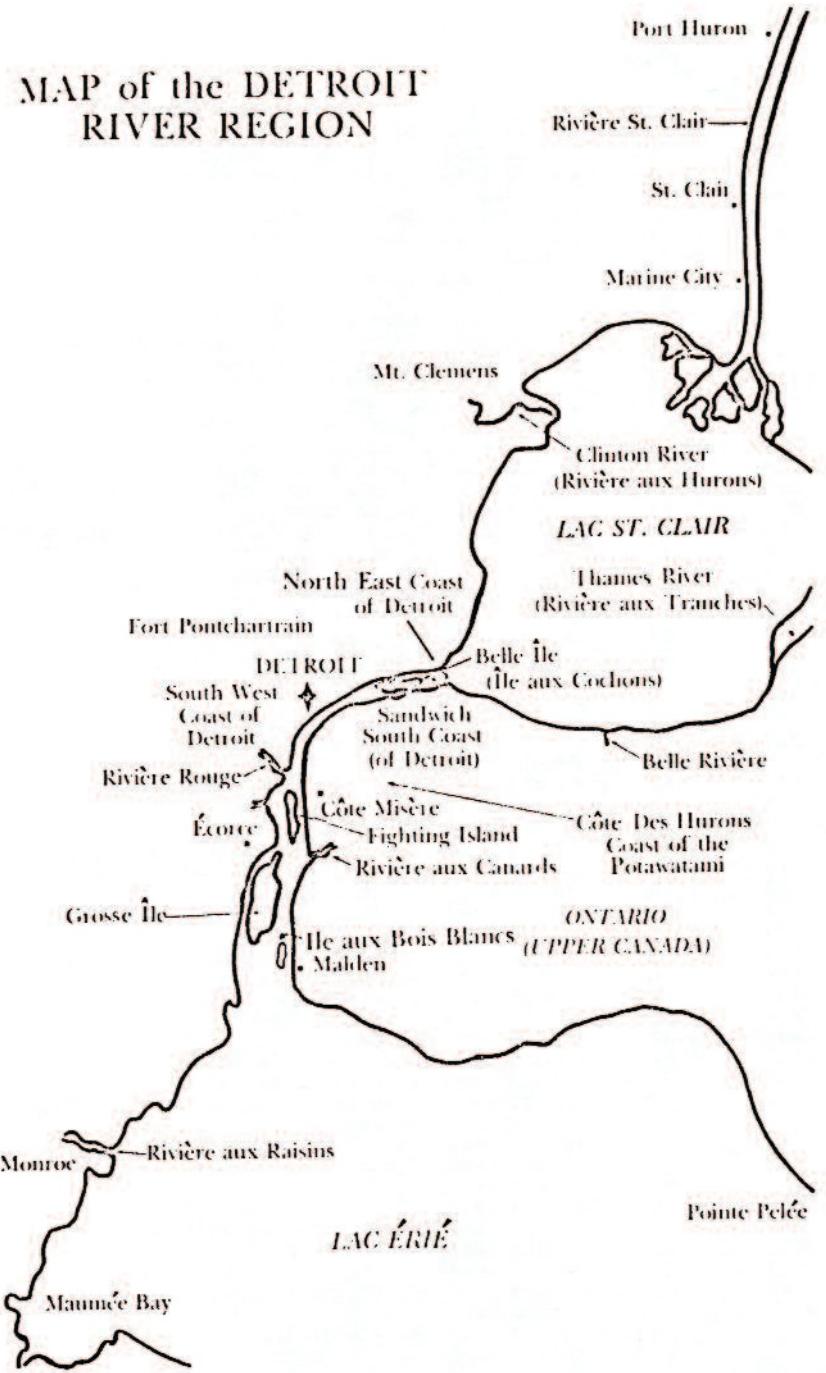
It turned out that both Shawnokwe and James Kegg were influential figures with the Prairie Band and they pointed me toward Smoky McKinney's early work. I don't know if it would have happened without Shawnokwe, who was the wisest, kindest, most generous Potawatomi elder I ever had the pleasure to meet. I still miss her although I am closer to joining her than I ever was.

While I am grateful to the gentleman from the Tecumseh family in the Prairie Band for the tour and revealing cultural anecdotes in his stories about growing up in Prairie Band, some of his stories documented and vindicated stories written in 1838 in Indiana.

Be that as it may, that family (Tecumseh's) is forever linked to his grave in Canada, which all the descendants of the forcibly-removed Bode'wadmi were invited to visit during the last Gathering of the Potawatomi nations that was held in Canada.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Bode'wadmi areas in the U.S. were referred to as being in "Lower Canada" and those north of the border (regardless of latitude) were referred to as being in "Upper Canada" - same people, same nation, all Potawatomis. If all the Bode'wadmi are able to come back together, maybe Tecumseh's dream can be realized. I have heard it said; when we started to recover the Citizen Potawatomi assets, "We didn't even have a pot or a window to throw it out of." Now, look where we are today.

MAP of the DETROIT RIVER REGION



When they start to get greedy and disruptive, I try to remember Jim Thacker. When this battle is over all of those speaking against their own tribe in a destructive way, "They'll still be Potawatomi!"
Migwetch for your indulgence,
Bama pi
Newemakek

"The Native American Speaks"
on KGFF-AM (1450)
or KOKC-AM (1520) or
www.Potawatomi.org

Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan

I had the honor of assisting Rep. Eva Marie Carney, District #2 legislator, with a naming ceremony during the month of October. It was held in a Bentonville, Arkansas park - a very nice setting with tall trees and a small waterfall in the background. I was the designated firekeeper.

I never attend one of these ceremonies at which I am not touched by seeing someone receive his Potawatomi name in the traditional manner. It seems the recipient is suddenly drawn closer to the Nation, becoming more a part of it. I know it certainly felt that way when I received my name, along with my cousin Sister Virginia Pearl, from an elderly gentleman of the Wasauksing Potawatomi tribe of Canada.

If you have not received your Potawatomi name and would like to do so, I would be happy to help you with the requisite procedure or answer any questions you may have. My contact information is at the end of this article.

Today, as I write this the date is November 3, and we are making preparations to go to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the veterans dinner honoring Korean war veterans (my time of service). After that event, we will meet with Michael Dodson, *HowNiKan* editor, and continue on with him to Wheeler, Texas. There, we will visit with another cousin, Teresa (Slavin) Reed who will be celebrating her 108th birthday, which actually occurs on December 6. Michael will be taking pictures and interviewing her for the next issue of the *HowNiKan*. We believe Teresa is the oldest living member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. If you are older or know someone who is, please let me



know so we can recognize him or her, also.

District #1 has a tradition of honoring our elders. If you are 90 or older or know a CPN member who is, please let us know so we can recognize them on their special day.

This next has nothing to do with the Nation, but I am so impressed I have to talk about it. My office is almost directly beneath the Platte Woods water tower. For the past month, they have been making preparations to paint it. It currently has long beams fastened all around the top extending out the width of the tower with cables reaching to the ground. Those cables are used to raise and lower a giant canvas sleeve that encircles the tower and protects the surrounding area from paint and debris and the workers from the elements. This just proves what I have always said, "If man can think of it, man can do it."

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District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello,

Greetings of the season! November now includes a National holiday celebrating our people, so please make sure to mark it on your calendar and celebrate it: Native American Heritage Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving. This column goes to press

too early to reprint for you the 2010 Presidential proclamation on Native American Heritage Day, so here is what issued last year:

President Obama's Statement on Native American Heritage Day
Obama pays tribute to Native Ameri-

cans' rich culture, tradition and history

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
November 25, 2009

Statement by the President on Native American Heritage Day

"Tomorrow, Americans everywhere will observe our National Day of Thanksgiving. It will be a time of celebration and reflection as we gather with family and friends to count our blessings and remember those less fortunate. But it will also be a time to remember how this holiday began— as a harvest celebration between European settlers and the American Indians who had been living and thriving on the continent for thousands of years."

"That is why on Friday, I encourage every American to join me in observing Native American Heritage Day. My Administration is committed to strengthening the nation to nation relationship with tribal governments. But it is also important for all of us to understand the rich culture, tradition and history of Native Americans and their status today - and to appreciate the contributions that First Americans have made, and will continue to make to our Nation."

In my last column I included a photo of one of our esteemed elders living in Florida whom District #2 honored this year with birthday flowers, cards, and good wishes. Recently, I had the privilege of spending a day visiting with another lovely Potawatomi woman, Lucille 'Tokee' Richard. Ms. Richard recently relocated to Bella Vista, Arkansas from Shawnee to be closer to her son Lee 'Mike' Lacey and his family. She and Mike honored me with a request to name them, which I did in Bella Vista on October 17, 2010 in a moving ceremony during which Mike named his daughter and his three grandsons. Four generations now have Potawatomi names!

Legislators Roy Slavin (Dist. #1) and Bob Whistler (Dist. #3) and their wives Julia Slavin and Linda Whistler provided their support to all of us (e.g., Linda took the photograph below and Roy served as firekeeper), for which I'm grateful. Ms. Richard's Potawatomi name is Doknagze, which translates as "She Looks Peaceful." It is a name she has been called since her



birth and as you'll see from the photograph here, it "fits like a glove." Doknagze celebrated her 85th birthday on November 10. So here's a big public shout-out to her from District #2 for a wonderful birthday year and many more to come.



Tokee Richard/Doknagze, shown with her granddaughter Laurel McCullar/Mzhek-wetkwa (Clear Sky Woman) and her son Mike Lacey/Mkobize (Bear Under the Water) during the naming ceremony.

A group of us visited the Archives of the National Museum of the American Indian in Suitland, Maryland on October 29, 2010. Included were Candace Walter and Andrea Young, sisters from Pennsylvania; Michael Carter from Arizona and his brother Mark Carter (Mark is finishing up law school in Washington, D.C.); Ralph Bergeron Bazhaw, his daughter Lana Bazhaw Ball, and her son Josef Bazhaw, all from North Carolina; Walter Hillibrant from Washington, D.C.; and Davina Hyers and me from Virginia.

It was a great afternoon. The Potawatomi bags, robes, baskets, beadwork, and household objects we viewed moved all of us,

and our hosts at the Archives were very gracious and accommodating. As you can see from the photograph below, we thoroughly enjoyed each others' company. (For photographs taken inside the Archives, please visit my Website or Facebook page; I am working with the Smithsonian to obtain permission to post its photographs and descriptions of the 40 or so objects that were pulled from the collection for us, so please check back with my Website in December, when I expect to post the Smithsonian's material alongside the material that's still on my Website from our Spring visit.)



Front row: *Lana Ball, Josef Bazhaw and*

Davina Hyers. Back row: Ralph Bazhaw, Walter Hillabrant, Eva Marie Carney, Candace Walter, Andrea Young, Mark Carter and Michael Carter.

Our next District #2 events will be in South Florida and perhaps Central Arkansas. If you have a good venue for us in either of those locations, please contact me! It should be able to accommodate about 75 people – a church hall or even a restaurant might work well.

If you have not done so yet, please send me an e-mail with your contact details and any questions or suggestions. I want to be responsive to the needs of everyone in District #2 but can only know your needs if you share them!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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one of the local food kitchens. In Ft. Worth, for example, \$1.63 will be enough to feed one person a Thanksgiving meal at Union Gospel Mission Tarrant County. For less than \$25.00, they can feed at least 15 in need. There is most likely a similar operation where you live.

The Salvation Army is another very generous organization, and very few of your donation dollars go to overhead and salaries.

Throughout this year, I have been contacted by several tribal missions and schools in the far north where it is very cold, which are taking care of orphaned Indian children. If you would like to help one of them their contacts are as follows:

St. Stephens Indian Mission Foundation, Inc
The Wind River Reservation
P.O. Box 278
St. Stephens, WY 82524-9989

Rev Peter J. Klink SJ
Red Cloud Indian School
100 Mission Drive
Pine Ridge, SD 57770-2100

St. Labre Indian School
Ashland, MT 59004-1001

Your financial aid to any of these is tax-deductible and will be going to a very worthwhile cause. For anyone who isn't

financially able, the next time you are praying to the creator, please make a request of him to help these people. A less severe set of winter temperatures would be a good start. Many have little money, and they must make a choice between food to eat or propane for heat to keep from freezing to death.

As we get into this season, I offer my thanks to each of you for allowing me to represent you. It is an honor, and I look forward to several months from now when the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and staff will again be in our area for their annual visit.

In the meantime, I will continue to send out information to those of you whose e-mail address I have. This year information has been sent out about jobs, scholarships, training, pow wows, and a host of other things. If I don't have your e-mail address, please send it to me so that I can include you when I send out this information.

Have a safe and happy Fall season. Take care of the environment and nature around you, and don't forget your fellow man!
Bama mine (until later)!

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho,

This is our *Dgwaget* (Fall) and one of my favorite times of the year. We are now in the giving and receiving seasons in both nature and man. The trees are giving up their leaves, and the soil is receiving them to let them decompose and be used for new life that will sprout forth in the *Mnokme* (Spring). If you look around in your yard, you will see a number of other instances in which a giving and receiving relationship exists.

You and I will, no doubt, be thinking a little later in this season to the yuletide times, where gifts are given and received, normally within the family.

For many in our country, 2010 has not only been difficult but, for some, devastating! The unemployment rate is over 10% when you look at who is still eligible to collect his unemployment benefits and add in those who no longer qualify and still have no job!

For those of us who still have income and a few dollars to spare, I ask you to see if there is an area where you can assist someone. It might be a member of your



family who needs financial help or even just a meal!

I read about lots of our federal tax dollars being sent to other countries to help their citizens, while we have citizens of our tribe and other tribes literally in dire straits! If you know of someone in this situation in our country, please see if you can help him or her.

Some of the organizations locally that you might consider helping financially are

District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of one the most beautiful fall seasons we have had in a long time. The leaves are staying on the trees and are vibrant with color.

This is always a busy time of year for all of us. Again this past September, I participated in the Skyline Park clean-up effort. As you might recall, last year I wrote about the effort to clean-up and improve the park. Those of you who are a little older will remember this was previously named Burnett's Mound. We had even more volunteers this time and several young legs that helped. The Green Team will be out again on December 11, 2010 and in the spring on March 12, 2011. Those Citizens who are on my e-mail list will get a reminder for both these dates.

I was also fortunate to be invited to participate in the first "Trail Mix Days" in St



Marys, Kansas. The day was planned to celebrate and educate the community on the mix of people who settled or traveled through St. Marys on the Oregon Trail. Several people demonstrated pioneer skills,

kids made butter, and Sister Ginger Pearl did her usual great job with her talk on the Trail of Death. Thank you to all who made a point to stop to meet me at the CPN booth. I love being able to put faces to all the e-mail addresses.

Our most current event was the Tribal Outreach at the CPN Community Center in Rossville. Again this year, some of our wonderful staff traveled to Kansas for flu shots, tribal photo IDs, and legal advice. For those of you who may not have personal contact with CPN employees, I want you to be assured that we have a very devoted staff of people in all three of these areas. There are always changes, new buildings, a new clinic, etc. in Shawnee. I have seen how our employees meet these challenges head-on and the fulfillment they get accomplishing them. We had a good turnout for the outreach and hope to see more of

you next year.

We just had our latest legislative session November 3, 2010. I hope many of you are able to log in and watch online. Every quarter, we have a list of people applying for citizenship, and this quarter was no exception. Just a reminder that you can find the enrollment application online, on the Tribal Rolls Department page.

November is Native American Heritage month; please find time to celebrate in some way.

Please remember to contact me if your e-mail address changes or if you need to be added to my list for notifications and reminders.

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District #5 - Gene Lambert

Greetings to all District #5,

We are nearing the holidays again, and there is so much going on you would think the energy has already kicked in. I have been trying to get started on Facebook, and am still gathering e-mails so we can stay in touch.

Our office is still on Boston Street in Chandler, because I haven't found anything workable within the area of my home and work. If those of you who live in the Phoenix Metro area know of anything from Baseline/Higley to Queen Creek off Ellsworth/Rittenhouse, please let me know. I want to have an open house but might have to go for a picnic or a visit to the Herd museum. We did have difficulty in the past with access for some of our membership.

We could plan a trip to Sedona and visit the White Buffalo since I wrote the story of the legend a couple months back. You need to let me know via telephone, e-mail, or text what you would like to see happen. I miss you all and would like to get something going for February at least.

There have been many new contacts coming through with members that have never been to a meeting or gathering and who want to get involved. That's exciting!!

I wonder each month what you really want to hear about. The best way to find out is to ask you. What kind of things are you most interested in? The legislators as a whole comment on all the meetings, and I



hate to duplicate that. I have tried writing about legends and basic ceremonies.

It appears from comments that I have received that you would like to know more about the families living in our District #5. Each family has a story and a history, so I think that would be a great place to start.

Do let me know your thoughts as I really need some input here as to what you would be the most interested in hearing.

Until the next time ... take care ... and do let me hear from you. My personal cell phone number is 480-228-6569, or e-mail me at EuniceILambert@gmail.com. Should you have any needs or questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all the best,
Gene Lambert
Legislator, District #5

District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho, Nikan,

The fall season nears its end with winter just around the corner. With winter comes the end of the cycle as spring starts everything anew, and the cycle repeats itself. How I marvel at the Creator's circle of life!

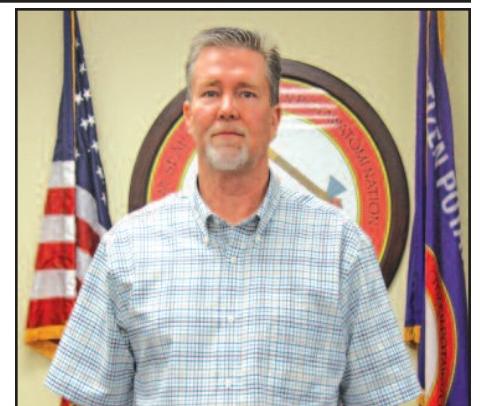
Spring is my favorite season because of the freshness and all the signs of new life. Streams and creeks are rushing with snowmelt water, tall green grass grows, the tree blossoms and flowers are in full color. Even though spring is my favorite season, I have grown to appreciate the beauty and purpose of every season. From the hours of daylight to the average temperature, each has its own style, character, and relationship with the season before and the one after.

I often wonder how the early Potawatomis felt about the various seasons. What was their favorite or least favorite season? As our lives are pretty much the same year-round, impacted very little by nature, their lives had to look quite different depending on the season they were in.

I can't even imagine what it must have been like trying to stay warm during the harsh Great Lakes winter months. There were no insulated homes equipped with natural gas or heating oil furnaces like what we have today. I'm guessing they had to rely on a large enough supply of cut-and-dried wood to keep the fire burning non-stop for months on end. Maybe that was the least of their worries; I'm not sure.

Shelter and warmth without food may be just as miserable as being cold or maybe worse. I don't know as I've never been in that situation. And winter is usually the time of year when most people get sick. With the entire family cooped up in a lodge probably not much bigger than one of the bedrooms in our homes, it's hard to imagine the illness being limited to just one of the family members. So how did they store enough herbs and roots and other remedies to battle their sickness? I don't know because I've always been able to leave the comfort of my home, protected from the elements in the warmest of clothing, and drive down to the corner drug store in my heated car to purchase whatever I need for my ailment. Virtually all aspects of our ancestral Potawatomis' everyday life are an unsolved mystery for me.

As I ponder these things, I consider the



things I do know about our ancestors. According to the history books, we were reluctant to give up our way of life. We resisted and clung to the only life we knew, but why? Did we not embrace change as we are taught today? It seems as though our way of life before being "civilized" was challenging at best so why not adapt to the changes of that time?

Did we resist because we were being forced to accept something we didn't understand? Was it because of the intolerance exhibited by those bringing the so-called civilized way of life? What do the answers to these and other questions tell us; what can we learn from the past to enrich our life today? I think the early Potawatomis most likely understood better than we do today that it is not good to be envious of what we do not have but to be thankful for what we do have.

November is Native American Heritage Month in the United States. November is also the month we set aside a day to express appreciation and gratitude to God, family, and friends for the blessing of our material possessions and relationships. I think it is appropriate that the Thanksgiving holiday occurs during Native American Heritage Month. While I have nothing to base my opinion on, I do believe the first Americans were content with what they had as they recognized the source and were thankful for all the Creator had given them. This could explain why the first Americans resisted the ways the new inhabitants were bringing to their world.

Following is information on Native American Heritage Month along with artist Jean Leon Gerome Ferris's painting – The First Thanksgiving.

Information courtesy of the Bureau of



Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior:

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the early proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans." For three years, they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on September 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian

Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month," and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

Our Nation's observance of Native American Heritage Month started with a CPN legislative meeting on November 3. It was a productive meeting and another opportunity for me to observe and be part of our tribal government at work. I was pleased to have District #7 Representative Mark Johnson as my guest in the District #6 office for the meeting. Mark continues his work securing and setting up the District #7 office.

One of the highlights of the meeting for me is hearing the names of our newest Citizen Potawatomi Nation members read into the tribal rolls. It is my great honor to welcome District #6 enrollees Katelyn Advincula, Audrey Gonzalez, Hayden Greenwalt, Gideon Greenwalt, Josiah Greenwalt, Sophia Goodin, Jake Kroutil, Jonathan Tredick, and Christian Tredick to the tribe. I have met some of the Greenwalt family members from Riverside and Taft, and I'm eager to hear where Hayden, Gideon, and Josiah are from. I'm thinking Gideon and Josiah might be twins! I also hope for an opportunity to meet all of our newest enrollees in the near future.

Please keep in mind that the District #6 open house is coming this spring. It will take place here at the District office, most likely toward the end of March. Please contact me if you would like to help or if you know of any Potawatomi who would be willing to teach something related to our culture or if you have ideas for activities that would enhance the event. I'm excited and look forward to gathering folks from the District to meet and have some fun together!

Christmas is just around the corner, and I would like to wish you and yours the Merriest of Christmases. My wife Kim loves to decorate and cook and entertain throughout the Holiday season. It's a busy but fun time of year when we get together with family and friends to fellowship and exchange gifts. Love is warmth for the soul and laughter is good medicine for the heart, so be generous with both for they are the greatest gifts of all!

As I close, I leave you with this Native American blessing:

*Let us walk softly on the earth
with all living beings great and small
remembering as we go, that one God
kind and wise created all.*

Migwetch,
Rande K. Payne

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

Fall has arrived in District #7, and soon the holiday season will be in full swing. It has always been a great time of year for our family, and I would like to encourage our members to also use this time of year to reflect back on our heritage as Native Americans and Citizen Potawatomis. As our families gather together, take some time to honor that heritage and remember those who have shown us the way.

As the New Year approaches, I would also like to encourage our members to take advantage of the benefits of the tribe that are available to them. Two very popular programs are the Tribal Scholarship Program, up to \$1500 for full-time students and up to \$750 for part-time students. Spring/winter session scholarship applications are due and must be received or postmarked by December 1, 2010. A new application is required for each session you are enrolled. Other due dates are June 1, 2011 for the summer session and August 1, 2011 for the fall session.

The Student Housing Assistance Program is available to CPN tribal members to assist with living expenses while they are pursuing higher education. Eligibility guidelines require the student to have received the Tribal Scholarship or a BIA Higher Education Grant, be enrolled in a four-year degree program, or a Master's or PhD program, and be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Funding of \$675.00 per semester is available for spring and fall semesters only.

Another program available to CPN members in District #7 is the Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP). The program is designed as an "internship" for up to eight students to closely monitor and study the programs and enterprises at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The six-week program requires a 3.0 GPA, and is open to students in their senior year in high school and in their freshman year in college. The students will also have the opportunity to study their own family heritage and that of other



Potawatomi families. Travel, food, housing, local transportation, and health care are provided through this program.

Applications for all programs are available for download from the CPN website, www.Potawatomi.org. If you do not have access to a computer, give me a call. I will be happy to drop one in the mail to you. Also, feel free to call me with any questions you have or if you need assistance in accessing the benefits that are available to you. My telephone number is 559-351-0078.

As we build the lines of communications within District #7, please take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District. Also, please begin planning for attending the Northern California Tribal Area Gathering which will be held in the spring. Notices will be sent as soon as the date and location are decided.

And, it is never too soon to plan on attending the 2011 Family Reunion Festival held the last weekend in June in Shawnee. If you have never been, I would encourage you to try to make the trip and visit your Great Nation.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Nikan,

The rain is falling where I live, and the snow is falling in other areas of District #8. The holidays are on their way, ready or not. Having said that, I would like to encourage CPN members to think a little differently this year: Consider buying goods and services made in this country - especially by Native Americans. I'd also like to encourage charitable giving as an option to giving "things" that none of us really needs.

Generally, buying American-made products takes some effort. Get ready to do more legwork and pay more; however, think of the payoff. In purchasing products created or manufactured in the USA, we are supporting our friends and neighbors, generally getting a superior product, and not contributing to the vast trade imbalance with China.

Let's start with some Potawatomi related items - shawls and ribbon-shirts. The ribbon shirt is a tangible development and artifact of our past - a hybrid of European-introduced fabrics and Indian style and decoration. If possible, every Citizen Potawatomi member should have a shawl or ribbon shirt for Namings, regional or district meetings, and certainly for the Dance Ring at the Family Festival. We have several talented Potawatomi tailors and seamstresses, some of whom are employees of the Nation. Please contact me if you would like to get their contact information.

Two excellent sources of gifts are the FireLake Gift Shop (877-347-2745) located in the Cultural Heritage Center and online and FireLake Designs (800-246-9610). Both of these CPN enterprises can be accessed through www.potawatomi.org. These businesses both have superior service and excellent products, and their continued financial success contributes to the overall success of the Nation. Please shop with them!

The other point I'd like to make is this: Charitable giving is way down this year, and the need has not been greater since the Great Depression. Consider making a donation to a local food bank, battered women's shelter, or organizations that assist the homeless. Many organizations provide cards that can be presented in the name of the gift recipient in lieu of the tie or perfume that will merely be added to your loved



one's shelf or closet.

I will share with you that there are many members throughout the northwest and throughout the rest of the country who are struggling financially. The Nation's leadership has developed programs such as the Health Aids Foundation, mail order pharmacy (CMOP), burial assistance insurance, and one-time assistance with home closing or re-financing costs. These can be a real help; however, the Nation is not able to help with mortgage payments, groceries, and other daily struggles. It just cannot be done with the resources that we have and the size of our membership.

As I am contacted for assistance, I am pleased to share the information I have gathered by contacting healthcare facilities in District #8. By visiting www.dave-carney.com, you can learn about medical, dental, optical, and other services you can access as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. There is a listing by state and each facility has its hours, services, and documentation requirements clearly stated. I've been told that finding these resources independently can be an intimidating task, and I am glad to do it for you. If you don't see a facility listed and you would like me to contact a facility near you, please do not hesitate to call or write me.

As always, I would enjoy hearing from you. The legislators do not have your contact information unless you have provided it directly to them. I would love to add you to my contacts and include you in e-mails and mailings for future news and events concerning our district. I will not share any of your contact information without your permission.

I have a Naming Ceremony in the Portland tentatively planned for mid-January and others planned in different District #8 locations throughout 2011. These events require lots of planning and coordination. The proper selection of names is also a long and detailed process, so if you are thinking about being named next year, it is never too early to reach out to your representative or

other Potawatomis who have received their names.

Please have a blessed holiday season.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhoff

Bozho, Nikan!

Monolith

Along with me, you are probably glad that the National and State election season is behind us. The American people have spoken, as they will every two years. It seems that the electorate swings back and forth from right to left every cycle or so, as it has through the decades. This is a good and healthy thing in a democratic republic. Perhaps now this country can concentrate on the great values that unite us, not divide us.

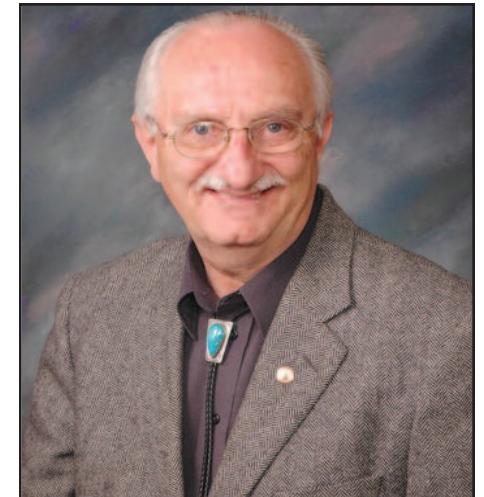
However, in pressing forward, it is only fair that Native Americans be viewed and treated as individuals, not taken for granted by any particular political party. We are not a monolith of any particular political doctrine or party. To think or act otherwise is an insult to our intelligence, character, and individuality.

In that regard, we should not be pleased that an influential national organization (based in Tulsa) known as INDN's List treats Indians like a monolithic block of followers. And yet they have the right to organize as they desire.

It may be informative that INDN's List is organized to recruit, train, and fund only one particular political party no matter a candidate's character or qualifications. Their published mission is "Mobilizing Indian voters to help elect Democratic candidates up and down the ballot."

Independents, Republicans, Libertarians, Conservatives, Green Partiers, Tea Partiers, etc. need not apply. I guess, the only good Indian is a Democratic Indian.

INDN's List is financially supported, among others, by labor unions like the AFL-CIO and the NEA. Unfortunately, a few tribal nations (although, not the CPN) have financially supported this partisan, one-party, one-view, political organization.



Historically, most Indians have been Democrats. However, to engineer race politics or to view and to treat us as a monolithic block that can be taken for granted by one political party is both disingenuous and unwise.

As a matter of fact, in the Oklahoma House of Representatives where I proudly serve, there are twelve card issued Indian Representatives who are Republicans and seven who are Democrats. I suspect that numbers such as these are in flux across the country, as they should be.

All Indians should register to vote! This is a right that many Potawatomis have fought and given their blood for. Whatever your political registration or whether you voted with your party or for the best-qualified candidate of another party on November 2, 2010, your individual voice is needed in national, state, and tribal elections. This is one of the rights and privileges granted us as dual citizens of the United States of America and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhoff/Naganit

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District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

How many of our members have been seeing materials lying on the ground and heavy equipment moving about in the Tribal Headquarters area? What I like seeing is when the big cranes land on the property and start picking up the red iron, forming it into a structure. So far, as we slowly progress through the end of this year, we are encountering a lot of good working days. That allows more productive days for completing our current projects.



The bowling alley/family fun center has made it to the stage of being dried in. We hope it will be in operation some time in the first quarter of calendar 2011. We have the pad and material for the events center/arena in place. This project is moving along now, and also will see completion in the spring of 2011.



During our latest legislative session, we voted on Resolution 11-34-HHS. If approved by the USDA, it calls for construction of a new WIC office. We hope to start this project during the first part of 2011. These projects are all near FireLake Discount Foods.

You will also see a lot of dirt being piled up further west of our complex and wells being drilled. This is for the geo-thermal system.

There is another project that will finally start to take shape - the phrase III of the Father Murphy elder housing complex. A roadway, off Benson Park Road to the north, and the concrete driveways for the duplexes have been completed, along with dirtwork for the duplexes.

The third area of construction is at FireLake Grand Casino, where the family clinic is under roof now, with the anticipation of opening the doors during the summer of 2011.



Our Nation is moving along just fine. It might seem that things are slow; however, everyone knows that patience will help us be successful. Some of these projects have been in the works for some time, and are now coming to fruition.

It is an honor for me to work with fellow legislators and the executive body of our government to see, from ground level, the beginning of numerous projects and areas of concern for our Nation. The conduct of the business of the Nation is done with utmost professionalism as we ensure that our Nation's needs are met with prosperity, followed up with advancing new areas of concerns.

To say that we should be so proud of our Nation would be redundant, but please show this pride in you conversations and actions. It will catch on and you will end up with a nation that will continue making a difference in our excellence.

Our Nation's membership grew by another 197 members. They were admitted to citizenship through a vote on Resolution 11-27-LCoE during our latest legislative session on November 3, 2010.

In closing, I want to thank the CPN Veterans Organization for honoring the Korean War Veterans on November 5, 2010. A special thanks by saying, "Kudos."

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

In our September legislative session, we passed the tribe's Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Bill. The annual operating budget increased this year to \$293 million, up \$14 million from last year (FY2010: \$279 million). The budget is basically divided into large expenditures: Enterprises (\$192.4m); Community Development Corporation (\$1m); Tribal Programs (\$18.9m); Tribal Infrastructure/Construction (\$6.2m); Internal Service Funds (\$4.2m); Indian Health Service Compact (\$23.7m); Bureau of Indian Affairs Compact (\$13.4m); Grants (\$28.8m); and Indirect Costs (\$4.7m).

Our Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) increased this year by about \$2.7 million, whereas, our Bureau of Indian Affairs AFA stayed close to last year's mark. On the federal grant and contract front, we saw a decrease in overall dollars due to increased national funding competition, down about \$3.2 million or \$9 million if you deduct the \$6 million of Recovery Act grant money. I had hoped we would have seen a marked increase in our federal grant and compact dollars, not a wash. Of course that level of grant activity is amazing in itself. My hat is off, again to our grant writers, program directors and staff, and accounting!

The tribe continues to stand strong financially and grow, in large part, because our executive committee governs on the "seed corn" principle and works tirelessly ... much akin to Aesop's fable "The Ant and the Grasshopper" or for some of us, "The Little Red Hen." We all work hard to save up for tough times. Likewise, for those who don't work to save for the future, they won't have any fruits from their labor.

Our tribal programs continue to operate and our level of commitment and service delivery are at all-time highs. We see this new budget increasing member scholarships, land acquisition, and cultural heritage endeavors, in addition to funding several capital construction projects (on reservation and off). We are investing in our future, our reservation, and the lives of thousands of Citizen Potawatomi. We are also helping our local community at the same time.

You have heard the Chairman and Vice Chairman speak about putting roughly \$65 million in payroll back into our central Oklahoma economy this past year. You also



might have heard them mention that we are the largest employer in Shawnee and Potawatomie (sic) County. Our payroll money is then spent on purchases around town that generate sales tax for our cities and surrounding counties. Our employees also pay state and federal income taxes, local property taxes, and utilities.

The tribe also spends millions to provide health and social services to the resident Indian population. This takes a tremendous financial burden off the counties. Our tribe has contributed substantially to the State of Oklahoma in our gaming, tobacco, and fuel compacts - profits we have to pay the state in order for us to conduct business. We are investing in our reservation, our local communities, the state, and the people, both Indian and non-Indian.

These things all seem so obvious to me. Unfortunately, our local city leaders have been on the attack again, blaming our successes for their financial and planning failures. The most recent attack came from the mayor and city manager of Shawnee, who asked the residents of Shawnee and Tecumseh to boycott our tribal grocery stores. They are blaming the tribe for lost sales tax revenue.

Like the grasshopper, they have not stored up means for lean times. Shawnee leaders have not created substantial job growth by attracting other businesses to the area or even reached out to the tribe to work together on industry or mass transit solutions to get products and people to and from central Oklahoma. There is so much potential to work together that one must conclude that it is easier for city leaders to blame oth-

ers for their shortfalls.

If you are a local resident and have been following the recent newspaper stories and editorials, please e-mail Shawnee Mayor Linda Peterson at <http://www.shawneeok.org/email/?ID=mayor> and City Manager Brian McDougal and ask them kindly how they can help the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, not sit back and complain that they have no city savings or loaf of bread to show for their efforts.

FireLodge

When I think of our FireLodge tribal program, I immediately think of a warming fire welcoming our tribal children and their parents to a safe place with solid walls and foundation - a place where you belong and with people who want to come to your defense. It is like a team of big brothers and sisters standing up for you against the bullies of the world. Actually, FireLodge is a division of tribal services that is made up of several programs. Our Children and Family Services division, known simply as FireLodge, fights for the protection and lifelong well-being of our tribal children, abused parents, and families affected by family crisis and violence.

FireLodge's mission is to enhance, enrich, and develop cultural/social awareness in the areas of health and wellness. There are five concurrent programs: 1) Indian Child Welfare, 2) Child Protective Services, 3) FireLodge Tribal Youth, 4) Family Preservation, and 5) Family Violence Prevention – STOP Violence.

Indian Child Welfare monitors tribal court cases, state court cases, adoptions, and subsidized adoptions. Staff members oversee home-based services, foster care, prevention services, counseling, parenting skills, respite care, and crisis interventions. Children who are served by the ICW program have generally been removed from their parents by a court of competent jurisdiction for abuse or neglect. These children are then placed in foster care or the care of a relative. The goal of the ICW caseworker is to return the child to its home if the crisis circumstances can be overcome or help get the child placed into a permanent home after parental rights have been terminated.

Child Protection Services specialists investigate reports of child abuse and neglect on trust or restricted land. They conduct initial interviews and work with other law enforcement agencies and families to resolve problems so that children do not have

to be removed from their homes. The goal is to help the family work through problems and stay together if that is the best option for the child. CPS specialists also refer cases to proper authorities to have a child removed from his or her home.

FireLodge Tribal Youth Program focuses on juveniles from the ages of 12 to 17 with an emphasis on living a clean life free of alcohol and drugs and developing life skills and school success. Programs are voluntary but include youth council, in-school prevention programs, after-school programs, and summer camps. Parenting classes for parents of adolescents are also offered.

Family Preservation staff members assist families with children in the home and who are at risk of having their children removed from the home. The program is family-focused and works closely with local community service providers and state agencies to offer parenting sessions, home-based services, court advocacy, case management, family crisis assistance, respite care, and referrals.

Family Violence Prevention-STOP Violence Program offers assistance to persons of any age who might find themselves in a volatile situation. **The HOTLINE NUMBER is 800-880-9880.** If the situation is an emergency, call 911 or your local law enforcement to get immediate protection.

I had originally meant for this column to be a follow-up to a previous one that reported on ICW cases and the number of tribal children in foster care and needing permanent adoption. In the course of research and talking with FireLodge Director Janet Draper and Foster Care/Adoption Specialist Darla Ham, I learned more about the foster care program and other FireLodge needs.

Under the Indian Child Welfare Act, the placement preference of children is first with other family members of the child followed by members of the child's tribe, members of another tribe, and then, should none of these be available, non-native foster homes. Children who are placed with family and/or foster parents can wait sometimes as long as 22 months before a court determines that the family crisis situation cannot be corrected. After both parents' rights are terminated, family members and foster parents can start the adoption process. In the last 15 months, 12 children have been legally adopted either by their family members or

foster parents. **There are three children who are available for adoption right now, but many who are in need of tribal-member foster homes.**

As of this column, our tribe has 120 children in state custody across America. They live with family members or in state-licensed foster homes. FireLodge case workers monitor these children on a monthly basis. Ms. Ham expressed that, in a perfect world, she would have a tribal-member foster home in every state. However, without Tribal/State Agreements in place, the foster home cannot be reimbursed for child care as it can in Oklahoma. **The greatest need is for more foster homes throughout the United States and in Oklahoma.** Our tribe only has five tribal-member foster homes in Oklahoma.

Another pressing need is for the long-range planning of our tribal youth without permanent homes. The tribe currently has a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to build a tribal youth center for after-school and weekend programs. It will have a bowling alley and several supervised activities to engage local kids. Still, **what if the tribe considered a tribally-operated Boys and Girls Home for the teenagers currently in state foster care homes?** FireLodge Director Janet Draper says, "This would be a dream come true." It would remedy having our kids outside of their culture and provide them with a safe home until they can be adopted or come of

age. Kids would be exposed to all of the tribal services and members who frequent the complex every day. If you are supportive of this concept, please reach out to your tribal representatives to ask how we can begin planning in this direction.

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FireLodge NEEDS: Clothes to replenish the FireLodge Clothes Closet, ranging in sizes from infant and boys/girls to women and men. New clothes can build confidence whether it is a mom's job interview or her teenage son wearing a new pair of sneakers to school. Hangers, clothing bins or racks, and like-new used clothing are also needed.

CONTACT NUMBER: Call 405-878-4831 to get FireLodge referrals to a program director, coordinator, manager, or specialist. FireLodge Children and Family Services is located at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive in the Tribal Headquarters building between Shawnee and Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Darla Ham to receive an application and handbook. She can be reached via e-mail at DHam@potawatomi.org or by phone at 405-878-4831, ext. 1244.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
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District #12 - Paul Schmidkofler

Bozho, Nikan,

Well, here we are heading into the holiday season. Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is right around the corner. Seems every year I tend to reflect a lot around this time of year. I also end up thinking how blessed we are as a nation. I am thankful for those who came before me and helped keep us together as a people.

Today you can look around and see all the advancement the nation has accomplished. I am thankful for this, also. None of this was done without sacrifice by those here today. But, still, I think back to when we were struggling to just keep our recognition as a tribe. Someone had to come down and fill out paperwork. Someone had to show up for meetings. It would have been easy for no one to care as we really didn't have anything back then. I suspect we came close several times to just drop-



ping off the map. So today, I would like to thank those who saw a vision back then. I would like to thank those who carried a

love for our people and our heritage.

Some who were not around over the years may not know of the effort and failures that we experienced. We learned from them. As a result, along with good leadership, we have become a stronger people. I don't pretend to know of all these attempts. I know of a few.

While most did not prove out to be great endeavors that helped us become what we are, I think we are better because of it. Had no one even tried, maybe no one would have seen the potential. We are blessed

today. Most can be attributed to hard work and determination by current leaders. But maybe if our leaders of the past hadn't tried, we wouldn't have cared enough to get where we are. So I just want to thank those leaders who came before us for their efforts. I don't know who all of them are. I know some and respect their knowledge and efforts.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation. Bama pi and migwetch,
Paul Schmidkofer

District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends):

The holiday season is right around the corner. As you find yourself in the hustle and bustle of the craziness, please try to stop and take a moment to think about your heritage and where we come from. We have an incredible amount of knowledge of our tribal history, and it is our privilege to learn.

I have learned so much in my term as a legislator and look forward to learning more if I am given the opportunity to serve you for another term.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the tribal history and or benefits the tribe has to offer. I might not know the answer but will do my best to find it and get it to you. This will help me learn along with you.

In the next few months, our Oklahoma Legislators, including myself, are planning to hold several meetings around Oklahoma to meet you and hopefully answer any questions you might have. This is a perfect opportunity to find out about namings, benefits, or anything that might be of interest to you. Please keep an eye on the Website for the dates, times, and locations of these meetings.

You may e-mail me at BBowden@Potawatomi.org with any questions and if I may be of service to you in



any way.

In closing, might I remind you to make the drive to Shawnee when possible. A visit to the Cultural Heritage Center makes my heart swell with pride each time I visit. It never ceases to amaze me the interest my kids take when we visit.

As always, thank you for the honor and pleasure to serve you and our great nation.

Migwetch,
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CPN Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development. For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope all is well with you and your families. We are enjoying the great fall weather here in Oklahoma. I love the summer, but there is something special about the explosion of color in the fall foliage. It seems that we are going to get some mild temperatures this year unlike so many years when it would feel like we go straight from summer to winter. At any rate, we are happy with all the blessings we have.

We have just gone through the long process of compiling the budget for our FY2011. There are a lot of dedicated people who work on this project tirelessly in order for the Nation to have a good working model for the year. We are optimistic about the economy showing some growth this coming year but are still working on a very conservative business model. I believe that in times like these that we should err on the side of caution.

There is a lot to be excited about with new construction and programs that are becoming a reality. There is nothing like actually seeing the brick and mortar take shape. We will continue to investigate new opportunities for enterprises that will benefit our people. Remember that through the profits of our tribally-owned enterprises, we can continue to enhance and improve our programs for our people. Please consider using your own tribe's places of business to trade with. We are a stronger people when



we work together.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation, please don't hesitate to contact me or your representative in the legislature. We have many fine people who care about your needs, please let us know how we can be of service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer. Migwetch,
D. Wayne Trousdale/Netemgiwise
Secretary/Treasurer

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

It is a beautiful time of year in so many areas of the USA! I hope you are enjoying the fall weather wherever you live. I realize that some of our tribal members have already geared up for winter. I truly believe that, even in Oklahoma, our preparation for the winter months should be taken a little more seriously after last year's experiences.

Because I was without electricity a total of nine days last year due to ice or other storms, I am a little apprehensive about the coming months. On the other hand, I understand that nine days without electricity is just a "drop in the bucket" for some of you who might have endured weeks without electricity and other utility services. Lack of heat is especially devastating in the win-

ter months. I wish for non-severe weather for all our tribal members this year ... regardless of your home state.

Upon returning from an Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation Meeting in Oklahoma City, I have a new respect for the Indian Health Service and the monumental task they have to provide equitable service to all American Indian people. Health care reform was a major topic at the meeting; as were the funding methodologies to distribute IHS funding for the tribes and other Indian health care programs. Of course, our elected officials have high hopes that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will have at least a minimal amount of increase in funds, as opposed to a decrease.

Many of us have questions regarding the Affordable Care Act. There is very good information at the newly-launched www.HealthCare.gov Website. Among the topics is the "Insurance Finder" which answers simple question to compare health insurance plans and views options that might work best for you. There is also a list of the top five things you should know about health care access under the new law.

In addition, there is information on learning ways you can improve the quality of your life while preventing illness, and a comparison of hospitals, nursing homes, and dialysis facilities throughout the country.

There is also a section on "Understanding the New Law" at www.HealthCare.gov. It shows timelines and when parts of the law take effect. In addition, there are a video tutorial and written instructions that will help guide you to the information you need.

Of course, many people throughout the country are skeptical about the future of the Affordable Care Act. It is my suggestion that we learn as much as we can about the new laws. Then, whatever the outcome, whether the laws are enforced exactly as



written or whether they are revised and/or eliminated, we have a basic knowledge of what is in store. Just like preparing for the winter weather, we can prepare for our own health reform that focuses on prevention and wellness.

I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman, and I sincerely care about your health and your welfare.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikon (Hello, my friend),

As the holiday season fast approaches, please allow me to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman. As I have in the past, I also want to encourage all of you to use the occasion of the holidays to gather family members together to share old family stories. They are the key to our tribal identity.

All of you who are elders are a treasure to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as well as your family. Remember, our tribe's history is simply the collective common histories of our 44 families. The stories you can tell others in your family are not just about you and your past, they are also Citizen Potawatomi history! Please share them.

One of the greatest things you can do for your family is sit down with some form of video recording device and go through old family photos together. You will be amazed by how one story or picture will remind your family of another. Please preserve this history for your family and your tribe. It is vital to our future generations to know who and what we are and how we think and feel.



Even if no elders are present, you can gather the other members of your family together around the dinner table and each tell your favorite family story. After everyone has told a story, decide which one wins the prize for the best story by having the first dessert brought to him or her.

Retelling old family history stories (or new family stories) as the years pass is how family character is passed on to the next

generation. It is fun, and kids will love being a part of it. When a kid tells a story, he or she will enjoy being reminded of it in later years. Our tribal traditions have always been passed along by word of mouth. Potawatomis are famous storytellers. Please keep that tradition alive.

Here at the Nation, we are well into several projects augmented by the federal money coming to us from Obama Administration economic stimulus funds, added to prior plans to improve our existing businesses. The new Tribal Youth Center, a 24-lane Brunswick bowling facility, is framed up and into interior finish work. The new Dale/McLoud area Health Clinic is in the interior finish stage and will soon provide health care for non-Indian Potawatomi spouses and employees as well as tribal members.

The pavilion roof covers over the Mini-Putt Golf course and the Child Development Center playgrounds are completed. The steel framework for the big new FireLake Arena behind the grocery store is in the air and digging is well underway for the new geothermal cooling pond for the Entertainment Center and the Arena.

We also have more than 30 new geothermal cooling wells completed as part of the energy-saving plans for the newly constructed facilities. The dirt removed for the pond is the building pad for the bowling alley and arena parking lots. All of these projects will provide more new job opportunities for our tribal members and profits to use for services for those who do not live close enough to work here.

It is essential that we pull together as a tribe to help each other get through these

hard times. Our history has shown us to be a tough and resilient people. In the last 200 years, we made it through two murderous relocations, near destruction as a tribal government, the loss of our tribal lands three times, and a succession of wars and depressions and recessions and drought and floods. We are spread out all over the country, but still survive as a united people because we have a common purpose: helping our families, helping each other, and teaching our children that self-reliance also includes sacrifice for family and tribe.

We share a unique common blood, language, art, history, culture, territory, and government. They are our birthright - a birthright that has been preserved through personal service and individual contributions to our common good as a people. Try something new this year for Christmas: give a member of your family a written "pledge" to perform a task, provide a service, or in some way invest your time in your loved one on a certain date in the future. If it is telling a story, painting a room, fixing a fence, or washing a dog, anything outside of your normal day will be a great gift and something to look forward to doing.

Work together on your Potawatomi dance regalia. Learn a Potawatomi dance or a song. Have a naming ceremony for your family. These would all be great gifts that will create treasured memories.

I wish each of you a joyful holiday season. Please pray for those who suffer and those who serve us in harm's way this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Migwetch,
John Barrett/Keweoge

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October 22, 1952 to April 7, 1954; Arlyn C. Patterson, US Army, March 1951 to December 1952; Lyman Boursaw, U. S. Army June 1954 to June 1956; Max Wano, US Navy, July 1952 to 1988; Lonnie G. Dunkin, US Army, September 1952 to Sept 1954; Joseph David Melott, US Air Force, December 1946 to April 1968; B. W. Nearn, US Air Force, December 4, 1950 to December 5, 1954; Jimmie L. Rhodd, US Army, December 1947 to December 1951 and USMC February 1954 to April 1958; and Bobby Raymond Lawson, US Army, October 1952 to August 1954.

Bill Madole served in the Army 2nd Division, serving in Korea in 1951 and 1952. Mr. Madole earned the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Roy Slavin enlisted in the US Army in January 1950. He took basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He attended High Speed Radio Operator School in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, received high-level security "Q" clearance issued by the Atomic Energy Commission, and was then immediately shipped to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Roy was a radio operator during the first series of the "H" bomb test, "Operation Greenhouse." His signal company handled all incoming and outgoing communications during this operation, which included the longest teletype net in the world, from Eniwetok to Los Alamos, New Mexico. Roy attended Radio Repair School at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. He was the Communications Chief for AA Battery in Ft. Devons, Massachusetts. He was honorably discharged at Ft. Dix, Massachusetts.

Donald Madole served in the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1953. He took basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He served in Alaska from 1948 to 1950 and served in Korea in 1951 and 1952. Donald earned the Korean Service Medal, Alaskan Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Sharpshooter Badge.

Gerald Pearl entered the US Army on January 12, 1954. He was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas for two months, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas for two months for schooling at the Fire Directional Center, and Ft. Lewis, Washington for nine months.



At left, one of the Carl Albert High School Junior ROTC cadets escorts Korean War veteran Lyman Boursaw to his seat. At right, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David Wagie delivers the banquet's keynote address.



Gerald then went to Korea for 11 months with the 37th Artillery, 7th Division, Baker Battery. They had five gun sections of 155mm Howitzers and four of them took care of the fire directional center and the switchboard. Gerald was released from active military service on January 9, 1956, and honorably discharged on January 12, 1962, as an SP4. Gerald considers it an honor to serve his country in this way.

He earned the National Defense Service Medal.

Albion Ogee completed Basic Training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. When shipped overseas he was assigned to the 145th National Guard Unit for the State of Utah. His unit was attached to the 8th Army. He was assigned to Fire Direction Control for three months, until the cease-fire in 1953. He was then assigned to the NOC Club for the remainder of his time in Korea. He received early discharge to attend East Central State College in Ada. He attended on the GI Bill.

Albion received the Unit National Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, two Overseas Bars, a Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Arlyn Patterson was drafted into the US Army on March 28, 1951. He completed Basic Training at Camp Chaffee Arkansas. Arlyn went to Seattle, Washington and from there to Korea. He was in the 8th Field Artillery C Battery for 13 months. He was then sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas until he was discharged on December 3, 1952.

Arlyn earned the Korean Service Medal

with two Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal.

Lyman Boursaw served in the US Army's 89th Anti-Aircraft Artillery as a Spec 4. He served as an instructor of radar and computers on the 75-mm "SKYSWEEPER" Anti-Aircraft gun. His outfit could not go into combat because it had been wiped out three times and had a Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a part of the training unit stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Lyman earned the Korean Service Medal. Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Expert Marksman Badge in the M-1 Rifle, Carbine, and Pistol.

Max Wano joined the Navy in 1952 and was assigned to many different ships during his 36 years of service. He had a tour with the 45th Infantry from 1960 to 1964, then returned to the Navy. Max says his best tour was with the battleship New Jersey in Lebanon in 1983 and 1984. He said it was so big he didn't get seasick once. He had always suffered seasickness on the first day out on the Tank Landing Ships and Landing Craft Utilities.

His brother, Bill, was on the battleship when it was re-commissioned and went to Vietnam. It was outfitted with 16-inch guns that were big enough to allow Max to crawl inside and which could fire 23 miles. Max says this was truly his best duty in the service. He retired from the Navy in 1988 as a Senior Chief.

Max earned the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Republic of Korea War Medal.

Lonnie Dunkin entered the Military Army Transportation Corp. on September 17, 1952. He spent one year at Ft. Eustis, Virginia as a 1st Lt., training for Korea. He was sent to Korea through Japan in July 1953 and was assigned to the Port of Inchon, Korea to the 558 Amphibious Duck Truck Co. His company moved to Yokohama, Japan in May 1954. He participated in several practice invasions of Okinawa, Japan.

Lonnie earned the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Joseph David Melot enlisted in the military in 1946, when he was 15 and underage. He spent his 16th, 17th, and 18th birthdays in Narsarssauk, Greenland and BW8, which is approximately 400 miles inside the Arctic Circle. He received the "Arctic Bluenose Certificate" for being inside the Arctic Circle and the "Domain of the Golden Dragon" by crossing the 180th Meridian, aka the Equator, during the Korean War.

Joseph was stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California and Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa with the 313th Air Division/Petroleum Group during the Korean War. Joseph's last assignment was as an Air Force Recruiter in Oklahoma. He retired on April 30, 1968.

Joseph David earned the Soldiers Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Longevity Service Award.

B. W. Nearn enlisted in the US Air Force on December 4, 1950 in California. He went to Lackland Air Force Base for basic training. In January 1951, he went to Williams Air Force Base in Chandler, Arizona, and then to Denver for armament and turret systems mechanic and munitions training. From there he went back to Williams Air Force Base. In October 1951, he left from Camp Stoneman, California for Japan at Johnson Air Force Base for temporary duty in strategic air command in Okinawa.

He trained for 3rd Air/Sea Rescue in
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Japan and spent various times in Korea doing what he had been trained to do until March 1953. He returned to the United States and was stationed at Stewart Air Force Base in Newburgh, New York. He was discharged as an Airman First Class as a Senior Weapons Mechanic.

B. W. earned the Korean Service Medal with one service star, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Jimmie Rhodd was shipped to Korea in May 1948. As the conflict started breaking out, most of the troops were shipped out to different islands. Rhodd was shipped to the 1st Calvary, Camp Drake, Japan. Around the first quarter of 1950, he was sent back to the states to his reporting station, 2nd division, Fort Lewis, Washington.

While on leave, he heard on the radio that the 2nd division was to embark for Korea. He was at Ft. Lewis long enough to draw his assignment and then returned to Korea. He went over as a truck driver with the 9th Infantry Regiment Headquarters Company. A short time later, he was assigned to a machine gun squad with "H" Company 9th Infantry. Around Thanksgiving, they were hit with mortars on the Chung Chan River. He was evacuated to Japan for six to eight weeks, then returned to Korea.

In May 1951, Jimmie was shipped back to the states after being hit in the left knee, upper hip, and back of the neck by shrapnel.

Jimmie earned the Japan Occupation Medal, Korean Occupation Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with three camp stars, Good Conduct Medal, National

Defense Service Medal, and a Purple Heart.

Bobby Lawson, a direct descendant of Chief Joseph and Mary Lafrombois, grew up on a farm in Pottawatomie County and attended Trousdale School. At age 19, he enlisted in the army and went immediately into the heat of the battle in Korea.

As a recoilless rifle gunner, he fought in the infamous Punchbowl, Sandbag Castle, Bloody Ridge, and Heartbreak Ridge battles. He endured weeks of heavy combat, along with the snakes and rats and rain. He was promoted and received the bronze star and a special Presidential Unit Citation for bravery.

Bobby sustained almost total hearing loss when an enemy grenade exploded in the foxhole next to him. He is a genuine War Hero.

Bobby earned the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze service star, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

All who attended the banquet agreed that all the Citizen Potawatomi Korean War veterans honored are genuine real live War Heroes. The Korean War vets said they were thrilled by such recognition of their service as presentation of the plaques and copies of a video presentation about their service in Korea, along with personal service of their banquet meals by their brother veterans, members of the CPN Veterans Organization color guard. "It was a personal recognition of our service by our fellow veterans," they said.

The Korean War Veterans who were honored were escorted to their seats on the dais by the Jr. ROTC Cadets from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Oklahoma.



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation shares its space with some of nature's most beautiful creatures. CPN Member/Director of Maintenance Bill Everett photographed this bobcat near the site of the planned aviary, about a half-mile northeast of the CPN administration building.

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Attention CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

C. 'Rowdy' Yates

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Native American Heritage Month is the Time to Celebrate Life and Break Smoking Addiction

Native Americans Continue to Smoke Cigarettes at a High Rate

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In 2009, approximately one-quarter (25%) of Native Americans smoked cigarettes. Nearly 18 percent of Native Americans lose their lives to cancer. As we recognize Native American Heritage Month and Lung Cancer Awareness Month, EX® offers a free way to break the smoking addiction.

With the latest research estimating that nearly six million people worldwide will lose their lives to tobacco in 2010, EX takes an innovative approach to helping the 46.6 million Americans who smoke to finally quit. The free, evidence-based tools help smokers quit, including information that can help them prepare for a quit attempt by "re-learning" their life without cigarettes. "Native Americans continue to smoke at a high rate," said Cheryl G. Healton, DrPH, President, and CEO of Legacy(SM), "and it is an extremely difficult addiction to end. It's important that Native Americans who do smoke are provided with quitting solutions. EX is a free resource created by and for smokers, and I am confident that it can help Americans re-learn life without ciga-

rettes."

Most smokers in America – more than 70 percent – want to quit. But in 2009, only about five percent of smokers were successful in quitting long-term. For smokers committed to quitting, the EX Website (www.BecomeAnEX.org) provides a free comprehensive quit plan with tools and information that can help them form their own individual plans. The Website serves as a convening point for smokers who want to quit and collaborate on their successes and challenges with others going through the same struggle.

Since March 2008, when the program first debuted, more than a million people have visited the site, and more than 22,000 smokers have joined the online community, forming more than 300 customized support groups for smokers. EX tools were designed in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic and with input from former and current smokers who have lived with this struggle, in order to provide smokers with a realistic approach based on evidence-based research.

Legacy recognizes and honors the fact that tobacco has a sacred cultural place in American Indian life in parts of North America. Many Native American tribes use tobacco for spiritual, ceremonial, and medicinal purposes. Legacy, therefore, distinguishes traditional, spiritual, and medicinal use of tobacco from its commercial use. Legacy promotes tobacco control efforts that are not geared toward targeting traditional tobacco. Legacy only supports programs and activities designed to address the issue of manufactured, commercial tobacco use in communities including Native American Indian communities in the United States.]

EX® is a collaborative public health campaign presented by the National Alliance for Tobacco Cessation, a partnership of the nation's leading public health organizations and states. The campaign helps smokers prepare to quit and guides them to useful resources that foster successful quit attempts including the EX plan, a free personalized quit plan available on the campaign's Website www.BecomeAnEX.org.

EX is the culmination of several years of research and testing, combining an understanding of the power of nicotine addiction with messages that resonate with and motivate smokers toward behavior change. The EX approach is peer-to-peer and focuses on "re-learning life without cigarettes" by encouraging smokers to think differently about the process of quitting.

The campaign, which began airing nationwide in March 2008, includes television, radio, online, and out-of-home advertising. The EX Website helps smokers create their own individual plan to quit and connects them to a virtual community of other smokers where they can share stories and strategies about quitting. Founding members of the NATC include numerous states and the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the National Cancer Institute, the American Legacy Foundation, C-Change, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and clinical partner, the Mayo Clinic.

• Gale Gordon Tescier dob 03-02-1940, Contest Period Ends 12-2-2010

Did you Know? The CPN Department of Real Estate Services has an active and ongoing program of purchasing undivided interests in trust allotments at probate. If a trust interest owner dies without a will or even with a will, CPN makes offers to the heirs to purchase their undivided interests at fair market value or above. CPN ownership in an allotment gives a number of significant advantages to the CPN and to tribal members in general in that CPN is in a position to maximize the utilization of the land to the benefit of all.

The CPN is also interested in purchasing undivided interests in allotments from existing shareholders, alive or dead. If the purchase is not at probate, a different set of regulations applies, and each purchase must be handled individually. In some instances, purchases may be completed routinely and in other instances rules for the purchase become so complex that it renders the purchase impossible. If you are interested in selling your interest in an allotment, contact department staff, they will be glad to discuss your particular circumstance.

Real Estate Services

Your Department of Real Estate Services is located in the northwest corner of the second floor of the First National Bank Building, Suite 204. Staff members are in the office most of the time; however, the duties of several of the staff require them to be away from their desks at times. It is recommend that, if you have business with any particular staff member, you call and set up an appointment. The number is 405-395-0113.

Fee-to-Trust Transactions: The economy has a direct effect on the activities of the CPN and this Department. With the low interest rates now, many home and business owners are going through the refinance process. This has many of the local appraisers so busy that we are having trouble getting appraisals for our fee-to-trust applications. We are able to get appraisals for our highest-priority projects by paying a premium price and pushing the appraisers hard to get our projects completed. Projects of lesser priority tend to wait. With 17 ap-

plications awaiting this step in the process, our volume should provide some incentive to appraisers.

Leasing: Farming and Grazing lease applications for the years 2011 to 2016 on the following allotments are at Southern Plains Regional Office pending signature of the Regional Director:

- o CP 821 87 Ellen Yott & 100 Joseph Haas
- o CP 821 326 Myra-Nahk-sa
- o CP 821 575 E Almira C. Bayliss
- o CP 821 714 Cora Gregson
- o CP 821 1325 D Harriet Pratt
- o CP 821 33 E Mary Bourbonnais

Pipeline Easement: A majority of owners have agreed to the renewal of a pipeline easement on the CP 821 900 Madeline Denton allotment. The application is awaiting corporate documents from the pipeline owner, SemCrude. Once these are in-hand, the renewal application will be forwarded to SPRO for approval.

Oil and Gas Lease: A proposed oil and

gas mining lease on the CP 821 809 Frank Davis allotment is pending approval of the owners. An offer was made by the Osage Land Company and forwarded to the owners. If the owners agree, an application will be prepared and sent to SPRO for approval.

Probates: The Administrative Law Judge has rendered his decision on the disposition of the trust assets and real land personal property of the following persons:

- Mamie Michel Woody dob 07-24-1905 Contest Period Ends 05-20-2010
- Hazel L. Finegan dob 09-17-1925, Contest Period Ends 07-01-2010
- Johnnie Don Lincoln dob 05-31-1951, Contest Period Ends 10-15-2010
- Lavina May Nahnogah Leach dob 05-16-1936, Contest Period Ends 03-08-2010
- Victor Alen Cope dob 12-17-1929, Contest Period Ends 07-07-2010
- Charlotte Bruno Wamego dob 09-17-1897, Contest Period Ends 07-30-2010
- Donald E. Bergeron dob 02-12-1925, Contest Period Ends 06-01-2010
- Ruby Bass Slay dob 10-18-1918, Contest Period Ends 09-04-2007
- Lucille (Thompson) Newrider dob 01-03-1932, Contest Period Ends 07/30/2010



Ray Tainpeah Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Care Worker

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Quit Commercial Tobacco

Tobacco is an ancient tradition in our culture. It's a sacred ritual passed down from our ancestors. But when commercial tobacco took over, everything changed. It is time to honor what is sacred and quit commercial tobacco.

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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Are you, like most of Americans, afraid of holiday debt? Do you wake in a panic because you forgot in the holiday rush to buy a gift for your mother? Here are a few tips from the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC) to help avoid a holiday spending hangover and relieve the stress of the holiday season.

1) Create a list. List the people for whom you intend to buy gifts, and reach out to those individuals for gift ideas. Chances are you are likely to spend more than the cost of what they want. Because some people are hesitant to pass along gift suggestions, you could prepare a list of items you would like to receive for the holidays so that you can "go first" when you ask for gift ideas.

2) Give your time. The holiday season is usually when most people are feeling most generous. However, if financial giving is going to put a strain on your budget, consider giving your time. For instance, instead of contributing to every bell ringer you see, perhaps you can be the one who rings the bell. Nursing homes are an especially lonely time for a lot of our elders; why not donate a few hours to visit with the elders

of your community? You never know what you might learn. Tip: You will want to call ahead for visiting hours and to be connected with someone who would appreciate your company.

3) Compare, compare, compare! Sometimes, there are significant price differences among stores and between buying online versus in-person shopping. Because most prices are listed on most stores' Websites, you might want to begin your holiday shopping at the computer. If you do not have access to the internet from your home, consider visiting your local library, which usually provides free access to the internet for members of its community. (Also, while you are at the library, check out its collection of DVDs to cut down on your movie rental expense.)

4) Pay cash. While it is tempting to buy Christmas with your credit card, it could potentially affect your budget the rest of the year. Remember, every time you swipe a credit card you are agreeing to pay interest on the item you just purchased. If you do not like to carry cash, please consider asking your bank about a debit card, which is

accepted anywhere credit cards are accepted.

5) Make and implement a plan. This year, the plan might be to cut back holiday spending to your available cash or obtain a seasonal job to pay for the holidays. This is a great time to devise a strategy for next year. Add what you would like to spend for Christmas, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, Easter, Valentine's Day, etc. into one lump sum then divide that number by 12. That will give you the amount you need to save every month to be able to spend that amount. Also, you might be pleasantly surprised with how much farther that money will go when you have the funds available throughout the year to take advantage of sales.

These are just a few ideas to help you develop your family's holiday spending plan. If you have any questions or need help creating a family budget, please feel free to call our office at 405-878-4697 to arrange a free appointment with one of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's Certified Credit Counselors. If you are not in Oklahoma, we can still help

via a telephone appointment.

Also, if financial changes are on your agenda for 2011, the CPCDC would love to help you get and stay on the right track with one of our online financial fitness classes. We have a basic financial class called Money in Motion which generally takes about three hours to complete. We offer a comprehensive class called Credit When Credit is Due, in which participants learn about credit, budgeting, and acquiring assets such as houses, cars, and investments. This course takes about a 12-hour time investment. To enroll in one of these classes, please call 405-878-4697 or e-mail Tina Pollard at TPollard@Potawatomi.org.

It is the mission of the CPCDC to promote, educate, and inspire the entrepreneurial growth and financial well-being of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal community through financial education, access to capital, business development services, and innovative capacity-building strategies. If you would like to take advantage of any of the CPCDC programs, please call 405-878-4697.

USDA announces Microloan Financing for rural areas

U.S. Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan has announced that USDA has selected recipients in 36 states to receive funds to make loans to boost small business development, create jobs, and strengthen rural communities. The **Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Community Development Corporation** is among the recipients, receiving the maximum \$500,000 loan and \$105,000 grant.

Kristi Coker, CPCDC executive director, said, "This loan will be used to further capitalize our lending pool for Native American Small Businesses in the State of Oklahoma. The grant will be used for general operating and to provide intensive technical assistance and business coaching to our clients."

The CPCDC has made more than 175

loans, totaling more than \$15 million in commercial loan value to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and other Native American entrepreneurs creating and/or retaining more than 750 jobs.

The Deputy Secretary made the announcement in Lexington, Kentucky with one of the recipients. The funding is being provided through the Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), which was authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill).

"This program provides direct support for small business formation and offers technical assistance and training to small rural businesses," Merrigan said. "This initiative continues the effort of the Obama Administration to rebuild and revitalize rural communities. In many cases, an entre-

preneur needs only a small amount of money, a microloan, to get started. This program creates opportunities for small businesses to prosper by giving them access to capital. It also helps to create new off-farm income opportunities that help to support owners of small and mid-sized farm operations."

In Lexington, Community Ventures Corporation was selected to receive a \$500,000 loan and a \$105,000 grant to provide financial and technical assistance and training to rural micro-entrepreneurs. The organization serves rural businesses in 10 counties that have been designated as Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) communities, which are characterized by high unemployment rates, poverty, and low per capita income.

The Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation in London, Kentucky was selected to receive a \$500,000 loan and a \$100,000 grant to provide employment opportunities in southeastern Kentucky through investments, training, and management assistance. The corporation has administered micro-loan funds since 1992.

Merrigan said micro-lending programs can make a substantial difference by leveraging comparatively small amounts of money. For example, earlier this year she visited Momence, Illinois, a town of about 3,000 located 50 miles south of Chicago. Merrigan toured several businesses that received financing thanks to a \$100,000 USDA grant provided to "Main Street Momence," a preservation- and volunteer-

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation author offers new book

Tears of a Mother: A story of Jesus, Joseph and Mary and the raising of a Son



CPN member Mary Flud has published another book, this one about the raising of Jesus Christ by parents Mary and Joseph.

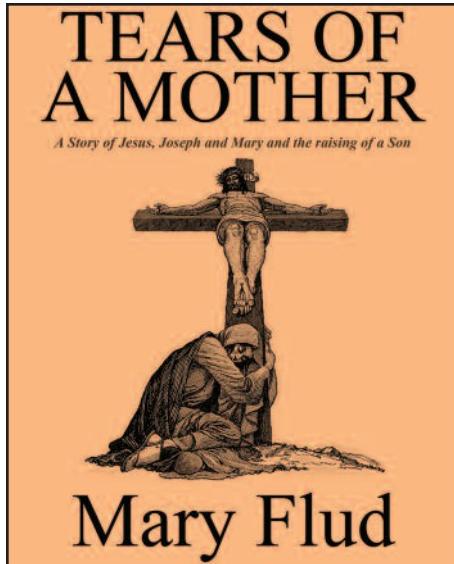
In her latest book, author Mary Flud, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, takes her readers on a wonderful, love-filled journey into the minds and hearts of Joseph and Mary, two young parents suddenly facing the personal challenges of raising the Son of God. This story brings insight into what life might have been like for a mother and father living with the secret of the sacred birth of their son.

No one really knows the absolute truth about the life experiences of this family. Flud says, "We hope only that they lived, loved, and trusted in each other and that their faith in God carried them through."

"Tears of a Mother..." is not in Flud's normal genre as an author. Her previous book, *Joseph Silver Wolf*, is about Native American Indians. Flud says, "I was surprised by the compelling force that moved me to take time from writing the sequel to *Joseph Silver Wolf* to relay this story. But, this is what happens sometimes when you keep your heart open to new possibilities!"

Some of her most cherished moments are spent in the backyard of her Las Vegas, Nevada home, surrounded by beautiful roses and her rock garden. "Early one morning, I was spending some time there, sweeping small rocks off of the pathway and quietly celebrating a few 'Zen' moments alone, when I glanced down at a new white rose just beginning to bloom," Flud relates.

"That's where I was - standing in the gar-



den with a broom in my hand- when this story came gently moving into my mind. Where the content of this writing originated from is a mystery to me," the author says. "Perhaps it is something that my spirit feels we need to remember - the power of a mother's love. Perhaps it is driven by the fear and division amongst us all over the world today, and we need a reminder to have faith in each other. It is so very simple to accept and to love each other, if we just allow it to happen between us."

"Tears of a Mother..." has layers of insight into a family's personal relationship. It reminds readers of the power of parents' love and the depth of what they will sacrifice for their children. "Sacrifice is the word we use to describe what we surrender individually for the betterment of someone else. Through this beautiful story we learn that there really is no sacrifice; there is only love," Flud says. "I have written this story just as I received it that morning in my garden. It feels like a gift, and that is how I imagine most people will receive it."

All of Flud's books are available on Amazon.com or other online bookstores. The second in her three-book series depicting ancient cultural teachings and adventures of a Native American Indian tribe and their lessons of self-awareness, confidence and the mystical power of nature, *The Blanket Lodge*, will be released in summer 2011.

The author can be reached via e-mail at MaryFlud@aol.com.

CPN Progress!!



Work is underway on several Citizen Potawatomi Nation construction projects. At top is the new health clinic, located on the grounds of FireLake Grand Casino. The middle photo shows a crane lifting steel into place in the early stages of construction of the Nation's new arena, being built immediately west of FireLake Discount Foods. The bottom photo is of the new bowling center, which is immediately west of the arena.

Legal Notice

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,

You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys’ fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys’ fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.



CPN Veterans Organization



Bozho, My fellow veterans,

I'm glad to report to all of you Korean War Veterans who missed the Korean War Veterans Banquet that we missed your presence. However, your comrades had a most enjoyable night out at the FireLake Grand Casino in the Events Center thanks to the CPN and the staff.

Tim Zientek and others outdid themselves. Cindy Stewart and Stacy Coon of the Cultural Heritage Center and Tribal Heritage Project Manager Curtis Grant, who shot video of the event and produced a video presentation about CPN veterans' participation in the Korean War, contributed mightily to the event's success.

Our thanks also go to the ROTC unit from Choctaw, Oklahoma High School. The ROTC cadets escorted the Korean War veterans and their wives to the stage as Cindy and Stacy read the accomplishments of each veteran.

The Veterans Organization Color Guard presented the colors, and Amanda Coffee sang the National Anthem. Brigadier General David Wagie (Ret.) delivered the

keynote speech, talking of the hard times in Korea and the trials and tribulations that Korean veterans dealt with.

I served as Master of Ceremonies. (You didn't think I would leave myself out of such a important night, did you?) What a Great Night!!!

Migwetch,
Commander Keith Cagle

To all the CPN Veterans,

We are nearing the end of a very rich and rewarding year of outstanding activity. Our largest and most important activities were the annual Family Reunion Festival, the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, and the Korean War Veterans banquet.

As this edition of the HowNiKan goes to press, the color guard is fresh from an enjoyable trip to the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) national convention. We honored the colors in a great parade in Wewoka, Oklahoma on Veterans Day and at a Veterans Day celebration at Tecumseh's Cross Timbers elementary

school.

Those of us who are constantly involved in these activities sincerely enjoy doing what we do but other people are needed to man these different trips. Hopefully, our members will read this article and respond to my request. As has been stated before, requests for the color guard and volunteers can contact me at 405-598-5984 or 405-831-7401 or at herb39h@valornet.com.

Migwetch,
Herb Holton
Color Guard Team Leader

Bozho,

As one of your CPN legislators serving Oklahoma and a member of the CPN Veterans Organization, I would like to share with you about our organization. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month. Please call us or drop by the Cultural Heritage Center at 6:30 p.m.

You will not find a better group of individual veterans and their wives with whom to visit and become a part of. We are serving our Nation - all of you - when we, as the

Color/Honor Guard, are asked to bring in the colors at numerous activities or represent the Nation at CPN veterans' funerals.

As you will be able to see from the many photos that accompany this column, the CPN Veterans Organization, led by Commander Keith Cagle, hosted a banquet honoring our Korean War veterans on November 5, 2010 at FireLake Grand Casino. It was a great success.

Thanks go out to the committee that worked hard to make this happen. That committee included Commander Keith Cagle, Vice Commander Michael Abel, Secretary Bill Wano, Treasurer Herb Holton, Daryl Talbot, and me. Special thanks go to two ladies from the Cultural Heritage Center who sat on the committee - Cindy Stewart and Stacy Coon, as well as to Curtis Grant of the Tribal Heritage Project, who recorded the event on video tape.

Migwetch,
David Barrett
CPN Veterans Organization



The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard presents the flag at Grand Entry at the 2010 Family Reunion Festival (upper left), the Seminole Nation/Wewoka Veterans Day parade (lower left), Cross Timbers School Veterans Day observance (above), SBIR convention (upper right), and Korean War Veterans Banquet (lower right).

Happy 108th - Teresa (Slavin) Reed



1) Rep. Roy Slavin and wife Julia look at photo #5 with Teresa Reed.

2) Vice Chairman Lida Capps presents a Pendleton blanket to Teresa Reed.

3) Sr. Virginia Pearl shares an intimate moment with her great-aunt.

4) Front row: Sr. Virginia Pearl, Don Humphrey, Teresa Reed, Claudine Slavin (Jesse Slavin's wife), and Cissy Slavin (Mike Slavin's wife). Back row: Michael Ross (Anita Ross' son), Austin Ross (Michael Ross' son). Anita Ross (daughter of Bill Slavin, Teresa's brother), Roy Slavin, Julia Slavin, Jesse Slavin (Teresa's brother), Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Kim Brown (Vice Chairman Capps' daughter), and Michael Slavin (Jesse Slavin's son).

5) From left: Teresa's stepmother, Della (Ott) Slavin; her half-sister, Alice Killen; her father, James Slavin; her brother's son, Roy Robert Slavin; and her cousin William Slavin.

6) Virginia Pearl and Teresa Reed posed at

It's not such a remarkable number, standing there alone – 108. But, in the context of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Teresa (Slavin) Reed's life, it is

very impressive indeed. You see, on December 6, 2010, the Nation's oldest member marked completion of her 108th year. CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps and a host of Slavin family members journeyed to Wheeler, in the Texas panhandle, on Saturday, November 6 for an early birthday party.

When Teresa Slavin was born, on December 6, 1902, the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i was still 39 years and one day away. The Brothers Wright had not yet flown at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; Teresa was a year and 11 days old when that happened. Oklahoma statehood was still almost six years in the future when she was born. Manned flight to the Moon was still more than 66 years away.

Teresa dedicated her lifework to ensuring that young people were prepared to take on the world, earn their spot in it. She taught in the Pampa, Texas schools until she was persuaded to retire at age 70. But, she was not through, heading off to the South-

west to teach on an Indian reservation.

Teresa was still driving the streets of Pampa at age 103. She continued

living alone in her home there until she was 105. She now resides in the Wheeler Nursing Center.

As she honored Teresa Reed for her accomplishments and longevity, Vice Chairman Capps said, "I just wanted to have the opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate your allowing me to be a part of this celebration. I appreciate all the Slavins and all the Pearls."

Vice Chairman Capps then presented Teresa Reed a Pendleton blanket, explaining, "A blanket symbolizes a lot because Native Americans didn't have much years ago. But, if they had a blanket, they ... had a place to sleep, protection from the elements, and an item useful for many other purposes."

"This is a wonderful bunch, I tell you,"

Reed said, in thanks for the party and gifts. "To have all these people come (is wonderful). I just wish I knew all of them better. I want to thank all of you for being here. And, I hope to see you next year."

The purple dress Ms. Reed wore was created by CPN member Peggy Kinder, featuring 108 silver buttons to match her age.

Offering a benedictory prayer, Sister Virginia said, "We thank God for Teresa, our elder. She is not just the elder of the Slavin family, but also the elder of the Potawatomi family."

Speaking to Ms. Reed, Sister Virginia, added, "Each child you taught during those many, many years you taught school – you were a blessing to those families."

In conclusion, she added, "We are grateful that you believed that there was something better in life ... that you loved to play the piano every week in church. Thank you for your smile. Thank you for your faith."

Tyler Bray and Tennessee upend Vanderbilt; stay in bowl contention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Learning on the job is getting a little more difficult for Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray. The freshman Tennessee University quarterback, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, began his career as a starter with two smashing wins. But, on Saturday November 20, he struggled for the first time. Still, he guided the Volunteers to their third straight win for the first time since 2007 and kept the chase for bowl eligibility alive with a 24-10 win over Vanderbilt. "It was just a bad night," a disappointed Bray said.

Bray completed nine of his first 10 passes and put the Volunteers (5-6, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) up 14-0 over the Commodores (2-9, 1-7) midway through the second quarter with two touchdown passes. But after leading Tennessee to 102 points in wins over Memphis and Mississippi by throwing for 648 yards with eight touchdowns, he threw his first two interceptions as a starter.

That stalled Tennessee's offense, requiring a late touchdown run from Tauren Poole, set up by a failed onside kick, to clinch the win and send Vanderbilt to its sixth straight loss. "Tyler struggled with his decision-making, and you have to give Vanderbilt a lot of credit for that," Tennessee coach Derek Dooley said. "You have to give our team a lot of credit. With all the mistakes, we still held them to 10 points and found a way to win, and that's all that matters."

Poole's 28-yard scoring run untouched off left tackle on fourth-and-2 with 1:11 left gave him 99 yards and the Volunteers their fifth straight win over the Commodores and the 27th in 28 games. That scuttled a Vanderbilt rally that was too little, too late. The Commodores haven't won a home game in the series since 1982 and struggled with offensive consistency much of the night.

Vanderbilt blew several opportunities to keep it close with a missed field goal and a blocked field goal in the first three quarters. The team got moving late when coach Robbie Caldwell replaced starting quarterback Larry Smith with Jared Funk. But the Commodores lost two more scoring chances when a wide receiver stepped out of bounds before catching a touchdown pass and Funk threw an interception at the goal line.



CPN member Tyler Bray passes for more yardage in a 24-10 win over the Vanderbilt Commodores. At HowNiKan press time, Bray's Tennessee Vols had won all three games he had started and were poised to qualify for a bowl game.

Smith completed 11-of-27 passes for just 76 yards, and overall, Vanderbilt's quarterbacks were 20 of 41 with two picks, continuing a trend of completing less than 50 percent of their passes. "It was very frustrating," Caldwell said of the offense. "They are working as hard as they can. Sometimes we get out-athleted, sometimes we don't throw it, sometimes we miss assignments. ... It's all part of the game. Obviously we were struggling throwing the football and had a hard time catching it."

Bray, who hit 16 of 27 passes for 232 yards, opened the scoring with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Justin Hunter in the first quarter and a 20-yard scoring pass to Denarius Moore. It looked like a rout might

be in Vanderbilt's future when Prentiss Waggoner intercepted Smith at the Vanderbilt 32. But, Bray killed that drive and the next with his first interceptions as a starter, snapping his streak of 96 straight passes without a pick. He had trouble connecting with his receivers the rest of the way, leaving the Volunteers vulnerable to a rally.

Bray is the latest in a line of freshmen who have had success as Tennessee's starting quarterback. He's one of five freshmen to start for the Vols since 1994, when Peyton Manning began his career in Knoxville. Bray, now 3-0, has held his own with Manning (7-1), Casey Clausen (6-0), Erik Ainge (4-2), and Brent Schaeffer (3-0), but he knows he has work to do if he wants to

guide Tennessee to the postseason.

His teammates saw little to worry about, however. "I hope you all don't expect the guy to be perfect," Tennessee receiver Gerald Jones said. "Every quarterback throws an interception. Yeah, he showed signs of youth, but then again, he still made plays that he normally makes. The guy is not going to be perfect. He is not Peyton Manning. He is going to make freshman mistakes sometimes, and he is going to make bad decisions. It is just part of the game."

Bray's stumbles weren't the only problem for the Vols, though. The running game wasn't very effective, averaging 3.8 yards per carry. And Tennessee also lost a touchdown when defensive tackle Malik Jackson's late hit on Smith wiped out Gerald Williams' interception return for a touchdown. "We made enough mistakes today to last us for a season," Dooley said.

Through the Vanderbilt game, Bray's statistics look like this: 78-of-141 passing for 1183 yards, 12 TDs, and five interceptions. Against Memphis, Bray set all-time Tennessee records for a half when he threw for 303 yards and five TDs in the first half.

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based economic development program, to help establish a revolving, low-interest loan fund. So far, four businesses have taken out small loans. As a result, these businesses have created 27 new full-time jobs and saved another 21 positions.

The purpose of RMAP is to support the creation, development, and ongoing success of rural micro-entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises. Under the program, direct loans and grants are made to Micro-enterprise Development Organizations (MDOs). The MDO uses the loan funds to establish or recapitalize an RMAP-funded rural micro-loan revolving fund.

Eligible applicants can include micro-enterprises. They are defined as a sole proprietorship located in a rural area or a business entity located in a rural area and employing 10 people or fewer that is in need of \$50,000 or less in business capital and/or in need of business-based technical assistance and training. A micro-entrepreneur is defined as an owner and operator or prospective owner and operator of a micro-enterprise who is unable to obtain sufficient training, technical assistance, or credit other than under the RMAP.